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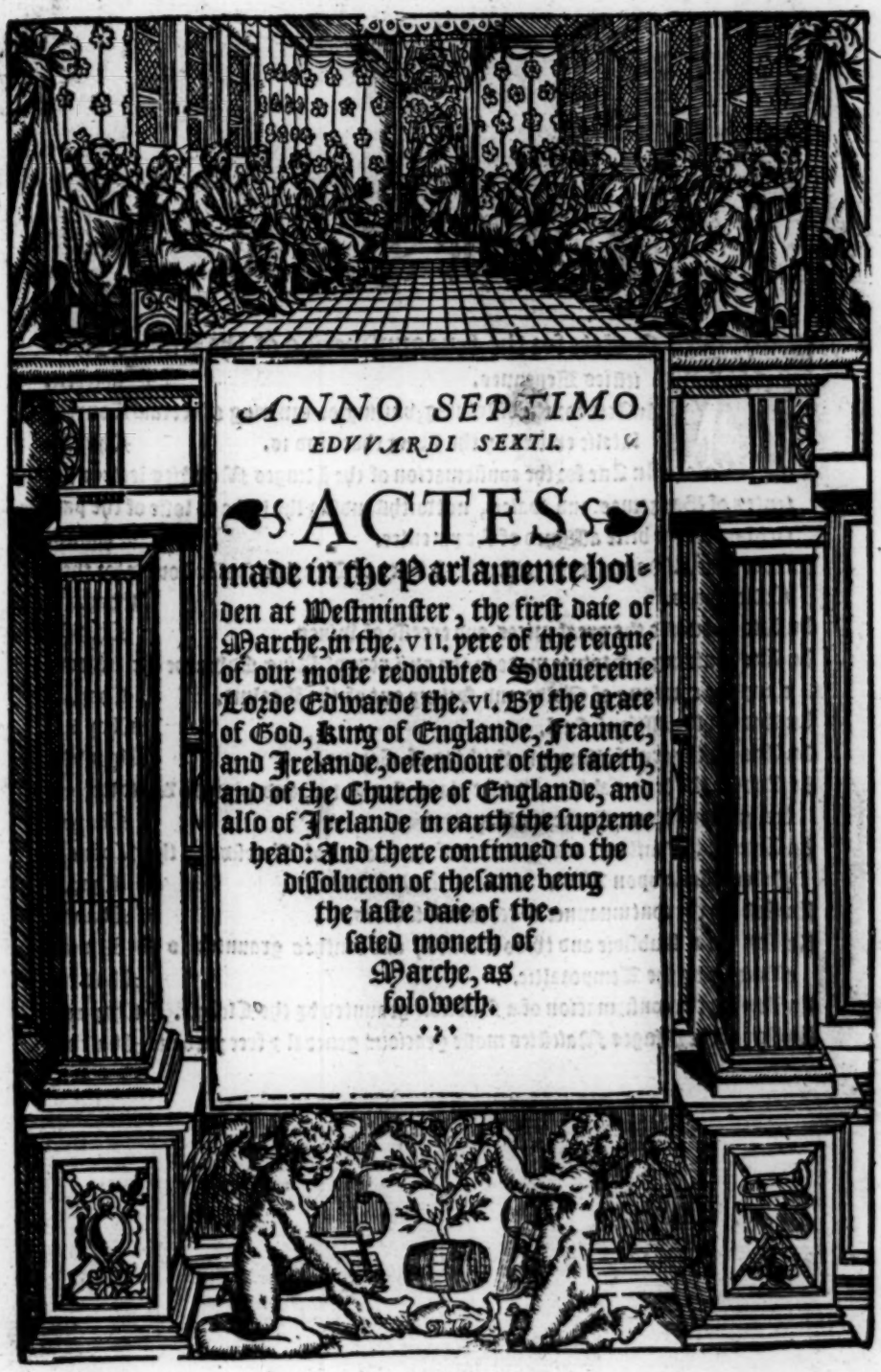

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ACTES

made in the Parlamente holden at Westminster, the first daie of Marche, in the. VII. yere of the reigne of our moste redoubted Souuereine Lorde Edwarde the. VI. By the grace of God, King of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faieth, and of the Churche of Englande, and also of Irelande in earth the supreme head: And there continued to the dissolucion of thesame being the laste daie of the-saied moneth of Marche, as foloweth.

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¶ An Acte for the true aunſwering of the Kinges Maieſties Reuenues.

Forasmuche as the Kinges Maieſties Treaſourers, and generall, and particular Receiuours, & Bailiefes of his Honours, Caſtelles, Lordeſhippes, Manours, Landes, & Tenementes, Reuerſions, Poſſeſſions, and other his hereditamentes in England, Wales, and Calice, and the Marches of theſame, or elſwhere within the Kinges dominiõs, haue not ſo iuſtlie, ſpedelie, neither duelie made yerelie paiemẽtes of ſoche ſumme, and ſummes of moneie, as hath been by them, and euery of them receiued of the Kinges Maieſties Reuenues, Poſſeſſiõs, & profeictes, into the Kinges Maieſties Treaſourie, accoꝛding to their dueties, but yerelie doe deteine, & kepe theſame to their owne gaine, profeicte & lucre, contrarie to al right, trueth, & equitie, & to the manifeſt iniurie, wꝛong, & hindraunce, of, and to the King our Souuerein Lorde: Be it therefoꝛe enacted by the King our Souuerein lorde, the Lordes Spiritual, and Tempoꝛal, and the Commmes of this preſent Parlamente aſſembled, and by the aucthoꝛitie of theſame, that euery Treaſourer, and general, and particular Receiuour, Collectour, & Bailiefe, & other miniſter accoumptaunte whiche now is charged, oꝛ chargeable with, oꝛ foꝛ the receipte of any of the Kinges Maieſties moneie, Rentes, oꝛ Reuenues whatſoeuer, not being bounde with ſuretie, oꝛ ſureties by obligacion, recogniſaunce, oꝛ otherwiſe to our late Souuerein loꝛde the King, oꝛ to our Souuerein loꝛde the King that now is, foꝛ, oꝛ concerning their office, oꝛ offices, befoꝛe the xx. daie of Decẽbꝛe nexte coming, oꝛ at any time, oꝛ times befoꝛe theſame. xx. daie of Decẽbꝛe, if thei, oꝛ any of them be reaſonablie required, ſhal vpon peine of foꝛfaicture of his office be bounde to the Kinges Maieſtie by ſufficiẽt wꝛiting obligatoꝛie in reaſonable ſumme, oꝛ ſummes of moneie: theſame wꝛiting obligatoꝛie to be made with. oꝛ vpon condicion, that the perſone whiche ſo ſhalbe bounden, his heires, Executours, adminiſtratours, Deputie, oꝛ Deputies, oꝛ one of them, from time to time, ſhal yelde a perfeicte, and true accoumpte of al ſummes of moneie, and other thinges that theſame Treaſourer, and general, and particular Receiuour, Collectour, Bailiefe, oꝛ other miniſter accoumptaunte, ſhall, maie, oꝛ reaſonablie might be

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charged with, concerning, or by reason of his, or their Office, or Offices: And also shal make paiemētes of thesame summes of monie, at soche daies and times, and in soche maner, and fourme, as hereafter in this Acte is expressed, and declared.

And be it ferther enacted, that all, and euery persone, & persones hereafter to be named, assigned, or appointed to be Treasourer, or general, or particular Receiuour, Collectour, or Bailiefe, or minister accoumptaunt of our saied Souuerein Lorde the King, shal before any their entrie, executing, vsing, or exercising of his, or their office, or offices, wherunto he, or thei shalbe so nominated, or appointed together with suretie, or sureties, acknowelege, and make sufficient & lawful bonde, or bondes to the kinges Maiestie in soche Courte of Recorde, where thesame Officer, or Officers is, or shalbe accoūptable, and chargeable, that thei, their heires, Executours, administratours, assignes, or Deputies shal truelie accoumpte, and paie al soche summes of monie, as shal come to their handes, or shal, maie, or reasonablie might be charged with, concerning his, or their office, or offices to the kinges vse within the circuite of their seuerall receiptes, and Collections, at suche, or like daies, and times, and in soche maner and fourme, as is abouesaied, to be conteined in the cōditions of euery of thesaied bondes, vpon peine of losse, and forfaicture of his, or their Office, or Offices, and of his, and their lettres Patentes of thesame Office, or Offices.

Be it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that euery Receiuour of the kinges Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, and Reuenues for the time being, or his Deputie, or Deputes shal yerelie make his seueral precepte, to al, and singular the Collectours, Ministers, and Bailifes accoumptaunte within the circute of his office, charging and commaunding them on the kinges Maiesties behalfe by thesame precepte, to appeare before them personallie, or by their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies, for whom thei wil aunswere, within the Countie where thesame offices, Bailiewikes, receiptes, or collections dooe ligh, at a certain daie and place in thesame precepte to be limited, and to paie to the kinges Maiesties vse soche Summes of monie, as thei ought to dooe by reason of any of their saied Offices, being due to our saied Souuerein Lorde the King, at, or before the feast of Easter whiche thei haue, or maie by any lawefull, or due meane leute, or receiue within, or by reason of their saied Offices, or collections. And that thesame precepte shalbe seuerallie deliuered to euery of thesaied officers, Ministers, and Bailiefes accoumptaunte, or to their Deputie, or Deputies, or elles be lefte at their dwelling houses, or at the Manour, Lordeshippe, or place where their receipte, or collection is, or ought to be, twelue daies at the least before the daie of appa-

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raunce to them geue, and prefixed in thesame precepte, or preceptes. And if any of thesaid ministers, Collectours, or Bailiefes accoumptaunte vpon, or after any soche precepte, or preceptes at any time hereafter made by any soche Receiuour, and beng deliuered, or lefte in fourme aforesaied, doo make defaulte at thesame daie, and place assigned, and appointed, in, and by thesaied precepte, or preceptes, that then thesame Collectour, minister, or Bailiefe accoumptaunte so making defaulte, and not appearing, as is aforesaied, and beng therof duelie, and lawefullie conuicted in the Courte where the Reuenue is, or shalbe aunswered, shal for the first offence lose, and forfaicte to the King our Souuereine Lorde, his whole fee for that yere, wherin he shall so make defaulte, or the value therof. And for none paiemente of thesaied moneie due, & paieable, at, or before thesaied feaste of Easter, vnto our saied Souuereine Lorde the King, within, or by reason of his saied Office, Collection, or Bailiewike, shal lose, and forfaicte for the first offence of none paiemente, vi.d. of the pounde, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaied daie of apparaunce, vntil thesame moneie shalbe by him, or his Deputie paied to the handes of thesaied Receiuour to the kinges Maiesties vse. And after the first defaulte of apparaunce made by any of thesaied officers, and an other like precepte by thesaied Receiuour be made, & deliuered, or lefte in fourme aforesaied, then thesaied Officer, or Officers making again defaulte, and being therof lawefullie conuicte, as is aforesaied, for the seconde defaulte, and offence of none apparaunce shal lose, and forfaicte to the King our Souuerein Lorde his Office, & fee: And for thesaied seconde offence in the none paiemente of thesaied moneie due, and paieable within, and by reason of his office, collection, or Bailiewike, at, or before thesaid feaste of Easter, shal lose, and forfaicte. xij.d. of euery pounde, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaied laste daie of apparaunce, and defaulte made, as is aforesaied, vntil thesame moneie shalbe by him, or his Deputie paied to thandes of thesaied Receiuour, to the vse of our Souuereine Lorde the King.

And ferther be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaied that all, & euery Auditour, and Auditours of our saied Souuereine Lorde the King of his Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, & Reuenues, for the time being, or his, or their sufficiēt Deputie, or Deputies shal haue ful power, and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, yerelie to make their precepte, or preceptes to al ministers, collectours, and Bailiefes accoumptaunte, commaunding them on the behalfe of our saied Souuerein Lorde the King, to appeare, and accoumpte before him, or them personallie, or elles by their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies at a place certein within the Countie, where thesame landes, and possessions dooe ligh, at the kinges Maiesties

Audite to be holden there yerelie betwene the feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel, and the Natiuitie of our Lorde God, of, and for all Rentes, Reuenues, and profeictes due, and paieable withyn, or by reason of their saied Offices, Collections, or Bailiewikes, at, or before the feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte before thesame Audite, expressing in thesame precepte, or preceptes the time, & place, when, and where thesame ministers, Collectours, and Bailiefes accomptable, or their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies for whom thei wil aunswere, shal appeare, thesame preceptes to be deliuered to the same ministers, Collectours, or Bailiefes accomptaunte, or their Deputie, or Deputies, or lefte at their dwelling houses, or at the Manour, Lordeshippe, or place where their receiptes, or collections is, or ought to be, xij. daies at the least before the daie of apparaunce to him, or them prefixed in thesame precepte, or preceptes. And if any minister, Collectour, or Bailiefe accomptaunte doe not appeare before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies at thesaied Audite, according to thesaied precepte, or elles if he dooe appeare, and refuse to accoumpte for his said receipte, collection, or Bailiewike before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies: that then thesaied minister, Collectour, or Bailiefe accomptaunte so making defaulte, and not appearing, or so refusing to accoumpte, as is aforesaied, & being therof duelie, and lawefullie cõuicted in the Courte where the Reuenue is, or shalbe aunswerable, shal for his first offence lose, and forfaicte to our Souuerein Lorde the King his whole fee for that yere, wherin he shal so make defaulte, or the value therof: and for the none paiemente of thesaied moneie due, and paieable within his Collection, Office, or Bailiewike, at, or before thesame feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel, shal lose, and forfaicte to the King our Souuereine Lorde for his said first offence. vi. pence of euery pounde, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaied daie of apparaunce, and defaulte made, as is aforesaied, vntil he, or his sufficient Deputie, or Deputies shal accoumpte before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for his saied Collection, Receipte, or Bailiewike. And also paie vnto the handes of thesaied Receiuour, or Receiuours, all, and euery soche summe, and summes of monete, as shalbe iustlie founde due by thesaied accomptaunte before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies, to the Kinges Maiestie vpon the foote, & determinacion of his accoumpte. And after the first defaulte of apparaunce made before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies by any of thesaied Officers accomptaunt being so warned, as is aforesaied: And after another like precepte made, and deliuered, or lefte in fourme aforesaied: That then thesaied Officer, or

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Officers that so shal make again defaulte of apparaunce, for the said seconde offence in making defaulte in his apparaunce, as is afore-saied, and being therof duelie, & lawefullie conuicted in the Courte, where the Reuenue of his saied office is, or shalbe aunswerable, shal loose, and forfaicte to the King our Souuereine Lorde his Office, & fee. And for the seconde offence in the none paiemente of the said moneie due, and paieable with, and by reason of his receipte, collection, or Bailiewike, at, or before the saied feaste of S. Michael the Archaungel, shal loose, & forfaicte to our Souuereine Lorde the king xij. pence of euery pounde, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after the saied last daie of apparaunce, & defaulte made, as is afore-saied, vntil he, or his sufficient Deputie, or Deputies shal accoumpte before the saied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for the saied receipte, collection, or Bailiewike. And also paie vnto the handes of the saied Receiuour, or Receiuours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies to the Kinges vse al soche summes of moneie, as shalbe iustlie founde due by the saied accoumptaunte vpon the foote, and determinacion of his saied accoumpte.

And ferther be it enacted by auctoritie afore-saied, that all, and euery Receiuour, & Receiuours of the Kinges Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, or Reuenues shall make readie, and ful paiemente yerelie to the Treasourer, or general Receiuour of the Courte, where the saied Reuenue is, or shalbe aunswerable, or otherwise, as he, or thei are, or shalbe appointed, & assigned by sufficient warraunte, of al soche summes of moneie, as he or thei shal knowe to be due to our Souuerein Lorde the King, and can by any lawful, or due meane obteine, get, haue, or receiue of the rentes, or reuenues of our saied Souuerein lorde the King, within, or by reason of their offices being due, at, or before the feaste of Easter by the .xx. daie of June then nexte folowing at the fertherst. And also shal make like paiemente yerelie of all their like receiptes of the Rentes, and Reuenues of our saied Souuerein lorde the King, that shalbe due, at, or before the feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel, by the .xx. daie of Januarie then nexte folowing at the fertherst, vpon peine of losse, and forfaicture, for euery defaulte at any of the saied daies, twoo pence of euery pounde, for euery daie that the saied moneie so by them, or any of them shalbe vnpaied.

And also it is ferther enacted that al, and euery the saied Receiuour, and Receiuours, or their Deputie, or Deputies for whom thei wil aunswere, shal entre into their accoumpte yerelie in the Terme of Saincte Hilarie, and fullie, and clerelie finishe the same accoũpte before the .x. daie of Marche then nexte folowing, and make ful, and readie paiemente of the moneie that shal appeare to be due vpon the foote, and determinacion of the same accoumpte, before the .xx. daie

of the saied moneth of Marche, vpon peine of forfaicture to our said Souuerein Lorde the King their offices, and fees, and .iiij.ō. of the pounde for euery daie that thei shall deteine, and withholde the saied monete without making any paiemente therof, as is aforesaied.

And ferther be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaied that al, & euery Receiuours, Collectours, & Bailiefes of any the Kinges Honours, Manours, landes, Tenementes, Rentes, or Reuenues for lacke of paiemente, & leuying of their saied rentes, issues, & Reuenues within their offices, & charges, shal, & maie haue power, & aucthoritie frō henceforth by vertue of this Acte to distreigne for the same, & to vse, & ordre the same distresses in soche sorte, & fourme, as any officer, or officers of the Kinges Courte of the Exchequier for leuying & lacke of paiemente of the Kinges Rentes, & Reuenues aunswerable in the same Courte, heretofore haue lawefullie dooen, & maie lawefullie vse to dooe, deliuering to the partie distreigned the surplusage, & ouerplus of the value of euery soche distresse, if any shalbe, the Kinges debtes, & dueties being first paied, & the distreignaunt aunswered of reasonable costes, & that the head, & chief officer, or officers of euery of the Kinges Courtes of Reuenue, being of Recorde, or that shalbe of Recorde, shal haue ful power, & aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte to sette, and assesse reasonable fines, and amerciamentes vpon any Sheriefe, or Sherieses for not retourning, or misretournyng of any writte to them directed, & deliuered out of any of the same Courtes, touching, or concerning the leuyng, or aunswering of any of the saied issues, Rentes, or Reuenues, or of any debte due to our saied Souuerein Lorde the King in soche sorte, & after soche maner, & fourme, as now is, or heretofore hath been lawefullie vsed in the like, and soche other cases in the Kinges highnesse Courte of the Exchequier.

Be it also ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that all Treasourers, & Chamberlaines, & general receiuours of any of the Kinges graces Courtes of Reuenue, for the time being, & all customers, & collectours of Customes, or certein, & stalled subsidies with in any Porte, Hauē, or Creke of this the Kinges realme of Englād, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, within .x. daies nexte after notice to him, or them geuen frō the King, or .vi. of his moste honourable Priuie Counsaille in writing signed with their handes, shal by themselues, or their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies, for whō thei will aunswere, declare in writing, what summes of monete then being due vnto our saied Souuereine Lorde the King, be at that time in his, or their handes, or custodie, and shal make readie, and ful paiemente of al the saied summes of monete, as then shal remaine in his, or their handes, or custodie, ouer, and aboue thordinarie paiementes, & summes of monete conteined, and expressed in sufficient warraunte, or warrauntes, resting, and remaining in his, or their Office, or Offices,

ces,and being in their ful force,strengthe,and effecte,and not lawe-fullie coũtremaunded,nor reuoked to their knowelege, to the vse of our Souuereine Lorde the King at soche time, and in soche sorte, as he,or thei shalbe commaunded,and appointed by sufficient warraunt,vpon peine of forfaicture of his,or their Office,or Offices.

And be it ferther enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied,that the-same Treasourers,Chamberlaines,& general Receiuours by them selues, or by their Deputie, or Deputies, for whom thei will aun-swere,shal yerelie, before the.xx. daie of June, make a perfeicte ac-coumpte of al soche moneie,or treasoure as hath comen to their han-des to the Kinges vse, yerelie, at, or before the. xx. daie of Marche then next before thesaied.xx.daie of June, and shal make a perfeicte and whole declaracion in writing,of the moneie remaining in euery of their handes to the Kinges Maiestie, or to his Priuie Counsail yerelie before the last daie of June then nexte folowing, and make paiemente of thesame at soche time,and in soche sorte, as he,or thei shalbe commaunded , or appointed by sufficient warraunte , vpon peine of forfaicture of his,or their Office,or Offices.

And be it ferther enacted,that if any Treasourer,Receiuour,or minister accounptaunte,or their Deputie,or Deputies dooe take,or receiue of any persone , or persones any summe , or summes of mo-neie,or other profeicte,of,and for the paiemente of any fees, Annui-ties,Pensions,dueties,or warrauntes,more, or otherwise then he, or thei maie lawefullie dooe by forreine lawes, and Statutes therin prouided:that then thesaied Treasourer,Receiuour,and minister so offending shal forfaicte, and lose for euery pennie, or pennie woorth so to be taken,or receiued.vi s. viij. d.to the partie grieued, to be re-couered in any of the Kinges Courtes of Recorde, by bille, plainte, or Action of debte,in whiche suite no wager of lawe,essoine,or pro-tection shalbe allowed.

And be it also enacted,that if any Auditour,or Auditours,or his, or their Deputie,or Deputies whiche ought to take the accoũpte of any Treasourer,Chamberlaine,Receiuour,or other officer accoũp-table before him,or them,dooe refuse, or willinglie protracte,& de-laie the taking of thesame accoumpte in soche wise, as it cannot be finished within the time,or times limited,& appointed by this Acte, for the taking,and finishing therof, that then euery Auditour so re-fusing,or protracting,and delaying,as is aforesaid,and being ther-of duelie,and lawefullie conuicte in the Courte where the Reuenue or charge of thesame accoumpte , is , or shalbe aunswerable to the King,shal incurre,forfaicte,and loose soche like peine, losse, and for-faicture,as the Treasourer, Chamberlaine,Receiuour,or other of-ficer abouesaid,shal,and ought to dooe by this Acte,for not accoũp-ting of , and for their charges, and Office , or Offices. And there by

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theſame Treaſourer, Chamberlaine, Receiuour, and other Officer that ſhould accoumpte, and ſhalbe refuſed, or ſhalbe prorracted, and delaied, as is aforeſaied, ſhalbe diſcharged of any peine, loſſe, or forfaicture for not accoumpting, as is abouеſaied.

And be it ferther enacted that the duplicate, or copie of euery accoumpte that ſhalbe made by any Treaſourer, or Receiuour, or by their Deputie, or Deputies, in fourme aforeſaied, within conuenient time after the finiſhing of theſame accoũpte, and at the reaſonable requeſte, and coſtes of ſuche accoumptaunte, ſhalbe deliuered to the, or any of them ſubſcribed with the handes of the Auditour, or Auditours, that ſhal take theſame accoumpte, or of his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for whom he, or thei wil aunſwere, vpon peine that theſame Auditour, or Auditours ſhal loſe, and forfaicte to the Kinges Maieſtie. x. l. for euery ſoche defaulte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therin conteined ſhall in any wiſe extende to charge any Archebiſhoppes, or Biſchoppes of this Realme, or of any other the Kinges Maieſties dominions, or any of them at any time hereafter to make any maner of bondes, or to make their accoumpte, and paiemẽte of the tenthes ariſing, and growing within any of their dioceſe due, or to be due to our ſaied Souuerein lorde the King, otherwiſe, or in any other maner, and fourme, then thei, or any of them heretofore haue been charged, or accoumptable, & chargeable by the Lawes, and Statutes of this Realme, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie, notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies that this Acte, or any thing therin conteined, ſhal not extende to cauſe the Rentes, Profeictes, and Reuenue riſing, and growing to the Kinges Maieſtie within the Toune, or Marches of Calice, to be aunſwered, or paied otherwiſe, or at any other daies, or times, then heretofore hath been vſed, and accuſtomed, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie, notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that this Acte, nor any thing therin conteined ſhal in any wiſe extende to touche, or charge any Sherieſe, Excheatour, or Collectour of any diſmes, quindiſmes, beneuolences, contributions, or Subſidies (Subſidies of Tonnage, and poundage onely excepte) but that thei, & euery of them ſhal, and maie dooe, and exerciſe their ſaied ſeuerall Offices, and paie ſoche ſummes of moneie, as thei, or any of theim be, or herafter ſhalbe charged withall by their ſaied ſeueral Offices, in ſuche, and like ſorte, maner, and fourme, as thei, and euery of them haue vſuallie dooen, or ſhould, or ought to dooe, if this Acte had neuer been had, or made: This Acte, or any thing therin conteined in any wiſe to the contrarie, not withſtanding.

¶ The. ij. Chapitre.

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¶ An Acte for the dissoluing, vniting, or annexing of certein Courtes, latelie erected by the King that dead is.

Here in the. xxvij. yere of the late King of famouse memorie King Henrie theight, father to the kinges Maiestie, that now is, there was ordeined, made, stablished, and enacted by aucthoritie of Parlamente a certein Courte, communelie called, the Courte of thaugmentacions of the Reuenues of the kinges Croune: And where also in the. xxxij. yere of thesaid late king there was made and erected by aucthoritie of Parlamente, twoo seueral Courtes, the one cõmunelie called, the Courte of the first fruictes, & Tenthes: & the other, the Courte of the kinges Wardes: And where also in the. xxxiij. yere of thesaied late king, there was made, stablished, and erected by aucthoritie of Parlamente, one Courte, communelie called, the Courte of the general Surueighours of the kinges landes: And where there is one other Courte, communelie called, the Courte of the Duchie of Lancastre: after whiche saied seueral Courtes so erected, as is aforesaied, thesaied late King did repeale, and dissolue, extinguishe, & determine, aswel thesaied Courte of Augmentacion of the Reuenues of the kinges Croune, as also thesaied Courte of general Surueighours of the kinges landes, & the Officers of thesaied late Courtes of Thaugmentaciones of the kinges Croune, and general Surueighours of the kinges landes, did surrendre their Patentes, and Offices into thesaied late kinges handes: And after thesaied late king did, by his lettres Patentes, erecte one other Courte, called, the Courte of Augmentacion, & Reuenues of the kinges Croune, and did, by thesame his lettres Patentes, constitute, and appoincte diuerse Officers, and ministres for the suppliyng therof, as by thesame lettres Patentes, more plainlie and at large, it maie, and dooeth appeare. And forasmoche as sens the erection of thesaied Courte of Augmentacion, and Reuenues of the kinges Croune stablished, and erected by lettres Patentes, as is aforesaied, diuerse ambiguities, and doubtes haue risen, and growen, emong soche as be learned in the Lawes of the Realme, whither the dissoluing, extinguishing, and repealing of thesaied late Courtes erected by aucthoritie of Parlamente, as is aforesaied, might by thordre of the Lawe be dissolued, extinguished, and repealed by lettres Patentes, considering that the commencemente of the were first had, and made by aucthoritie of Parlamente, Yea, or no: Wherupon great inconueniences might ensue, aswel to the kinges Maiestie, as to diuerse of his graces moste louing and obedient subiectes,

tentes, who haue had by exchaunge, purchace, gifte, or otherwise diuerse Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes: For remedie, and declaracion wherof.

Be it enacted by the King our Souuerein Lorde, and the Lordes, and Communes in this presente Parlamente assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaied lettres Patentes so made by thesaied late King, and al, and euery thing, and article therin conteined shalbe as good, auailiable, and effectual in the lawe, to al ententes, constructiones, and purposes, as though thesame had been made, and dooen by auctoritie of Parlamente.

And be it ferther enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the Kinges Maiestie, shall, or maie at any time during his natural life (whiche God long preserue) by his graces lettres Patentes, vnder his great Seale of Englande, at his moste gracious wille, & pleasure, altre, chaunge, vnite, transpose, dissolue, or determine, al, or any of thesaid Courte, or Courtes, and to reduce thesame Courtes, or any of them into one, twoo, or moze Courte, or Courtes, or to vnite, and annexe thesaied Courtes, or any twoo, or moze of theim together, or to any other of his Maiesties Courtes of Recorde: Or to erecte any other newe Courte, or Courtes, as to his highnesse shalbe thought moste conuenient, and beste, for the better, surer, and moze spedie aunswering of his yerelie Reuenues, casualties, or profeictes now aunswerable in thesaied Courtes, or in any of them: And that al, and singular soche alteracions, chaunginges, vnitinges, annexinges, transposinges, dissoluinges, or determinacions of thesaied Courtes, or of any of them, so to be altred, chaunged, vnited, annexed, transposed, dissolued, or determined, or otherwise newelie to be erected, as is aforesaied, and concerning an ordre for the true paiemente of the Reuenues, Rentes, Issues, Casualties, and Profeictes of our saied Souuereine Lorde the King, as shalbe sette foorth, and declared in any soche lettres Patentes, or writinges, vnder his great Seale of Englande, hereafter to be made, sette foorth, and declared, shalbe of soche like, and of thesame force, and strength to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as though thesame were, or shoulde haue been sette foorth, or declared by auctoritie of Parlamente, thesaied seuerall erectiones, or any other thing heretofore had, or made to the contrarie therof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that any thing conteined in thesaied lettres Patentes, made by thesaied late King, or in the lettres Patentes hereafter to be made by the Kinges highnesse that now is, concerning any peines, penalties, rules, or ordres made, or to be made, for the leuiyng of the Kinges Reuenues, Rentes, Issues, Casualties, or profeictes, shal not in any wise extende to charge any of the Kinges Subiectes in any other

other maner, or fourme, then thei, or any of theim ought lawfully to haue been charged by the Lawes of the Realme, before the first date of this present Parlament, or by any Statute made, or to be made in this present Session of Parlament.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaid Letters Patentes, made in the time of thesaid late king, or any other Letters Patentes hereafter to be made by the kinges highnesse that now is, or any thing, or matier conteined in this Acte, shall not in any wise extende to geue any power, or aucthoritie to the Chauncellour, and generall Surueighours of thesaid Courte of the Augmentacion, and reuenues of the kinges croune, or to any Officer or Officers of thesame Courte, or to any other Courte, or Courtes, hereafter to be erected by the kinges Maiestie, as is aforesaid, or to any other Officer, or Officers to be appointed in any of thesame courtes hereafter to be erected by the kinges highnesse, as is aforesaid, to heare, or determine any plee, matier, or cause betwene any of the kinges Subiectes, but onely in soche case, where the kinges highnesse is onely a mere, and a sole partie: Sauyng to all, and euery persone, and persones, and bodies Politique, and Corporate, and to euery of them soche Offices of Stewardshippes, Offices of Mastershippes of any Game, or Games, kepers of Forestes, Chaces, Parkes, Houses, and Castelles, and the profeictes therunto belongyng, and all rentes, annuities, and Fees, as thei, or any of theim haue, or ought to haue, if this Acte had neuer been had, or made.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therin conteined, shall in any wise extende, or be construed to take awaie, extinct, or determine from any persone, or persones, their heires, successours, or assignes, or from any of theim, any Fees, Annuities, Pensions, Stipendes, or Annuall paimentes of any summes of money, whiche thei, or any of theim haue, or of right might, or ought Lawfully to haue by any Letters Patentes, or other sufficient writyng made before the .xxvi. daie of Marche, in the .vii. yere of the reigne of our Souerein Lorde the king that now is, but that all and euery persone, and persones, their Heires, Successours, Executours, and Assignes, and euery of theim, whiche haue, or hereafter shall haue any Fee, Annuitie, Stipende, Pension, or Annuall paiment of any Summe, or Summes of money patable yerely in any of thesaid Courtes, or by thandes of any Officer, or officers of any of thesame Courtes, shall, and maie perceiue, take, and receiue thesame, and shall yerely therof be paied of the kinges Treasure at the daies, and times comprysed in soche Letters Patentes, or other writynges in any of thesaid Courtes, where now thesame is, or ought to be patable, as long as thesaid Court shall remain, and haue

any beyng: And after in ſuche Court, or Courtes, as ſhall pleaſe the king newly to erect by thandes of thofficers of theſame court, and for default therof in any of the kinges courtes, wherin ſufficient reuenue ſhalbe to aunſwere theſame of the kinges Treaſure there, by the handes of thofficers of theſame Court, in ſuche like maner, and fourme, as theſame perſone, and perſones, their Heires, Executours, and Aſſignes, or any of theim ſhould, and might haue dooen, or been paied in any other place, or court, if this Acte had neuer been had, or made, any thing in this Acte conteined, or any other thing heraftter to bee dooen, by reaſon, colour, or aucthorite of this Acte to the contrary therof notwithſtandyng.

The.iii. Chapitre.

An Acte for the confirmacion of the kinges Maieſties letters Patentes of bargaines, and ſales, notwithſtandyng the lacke, or loſſe of the particulars, or the Bill aſſigned of the Patentee.

WHereas in the Seſſion of the Parlament holden vpon Prorogacion at Weſtmynſter, the twentie and twoo daie of Januarie, in the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late king of famouſe memorie king Henrie the eight, and there continued, and kept vntill the.xii. daie of Maie, in the.xxxb. yere of the reigne of theſaied late king, emonges diuerſe and ſondrie, and many ſtatutes, there was then one Statute made for the confirmacion of letters Patentes, not withſtandyng any miſnampng, miſpriſion, or miſrehearſall, or any other default conteined, or rehearſed in theſame Acte: Wherin it was prouided, and enacted by thaucthorite of theſame Parlament, that al, and ſingular ſuche Patentees, grauntees, and Donees, as at any time from the makyng of theſame Statute, duryng. vii. yeres then next folowyng ſhould fortune to haue, or obtein any Caſtelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Penſions, Porcions, or other Hereditamentes of the gift, graunt, ſale, or exchaunge of the kinges Maieſtie, or of the onely gift of the kinges Maieſtie, of his moſte liberall diſpoſicion, and not ſolde, whiche at the date of the date of the Letters Patentes therof made ſhould be of more, and better yerely value to the king in yerely Rent, and Ferme, then ſhould be conteined, mencioned, or ſpecified in any ſuche Letters Patentes, and particulars therof made by the Auditoure, or Auditoures, and in ſuche Bill, or Billes, as ſhould be ſigned, and ſealed with the hande, or handes of the Patentee, or Patentees therof to be exhibited to the kinges Maieſtie, or his Officer, or officers, within whoſe Surueigh theſaid

Manours,

Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parte therof shoulde bee, or within any of them, whiche Bille should be signed, Sealed, hadde, and made, as is aforesaied, before any Billes shoulde bee therof signed by the kinges Maiestie, that then euery of the saied Patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, executours, and administratours, within one yere next after due proofe, and decree therof hadde, and made in the court, within whose Surueigh the same Castelles, Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcel therof then should be, shoulde contente, and paie vnto the king for the same ouerplus, and more value for the same Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, and other Hereditamentes to him solde, or exchaūged after suche rate, as the other Landes, and Tenementes, were before to him solde, or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus, and more value of suche Landes, and Tenementes, as shoulde happen to bee geuen by the kinges Maiestie, and not solde, as is abouesaied: The saied Patentee, his Heires, Executoures, or Administratours, should content, and paie to the king after the rate of twentie yeres purchase: So that the same Proofe, and Decree were hadde, and made in fourme abouesaied within tenne yeres next after the Date of the saied Letters Patentes, as by the Statute more at large it dooeth, and maie appeare. And also whereas in the Parlament begonne at Westminster the .iiii. daie of Nouembre, in the firste yere of the reigne of our most dread Souuereine Lorde the king that now is, king Edwarde the sixt, and from thens continued to the .xviii. daie of Decembre then next ensuing: That is to saie, the first Session of the same Parlamente, emonges diuerse, and soondrie Statutes, there was then also one other Statute made for the Confirmation of Letters Patentes, notwithstanding any misnaming, misrehearsall, or any other defaulte conteined, or rehearsed in the same Acte wherin it was also prouided, and enacted by the Auctoritie of the same Parlament, that al, and singular suche Patentees, grauntees, and Donees, as at any time after the saied Parlamente, and during the life of our saied Souuereine Lorde king Edwarde the sixth, shoulde fortune to haue, or obteine, any Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, or other Hereditamentes of the gifte, Graunt, Sale, or Exchaunge of the kinges Maiestie, or of the onely gifte of the kinges Maiestie of his moste liberall disposition, and not solde, whiche at the daie of the date of the Letters Patentes thereof made, shoulde bee of more, or better yerelie value to the king in yerelie rent, and ferme the should be conteined, mencioned, and specified in any suche Letters Patentes, and Particulars therof made by the particular surueighour, or Surueighours therof. And in suche bille, or billes, as should be sig-

ned,and ſealed with the hande, or handes of the Patentee, or Patentees therof to be exhibited to the Kinges Maieſtie,or his officer or officers within whoſe ſurueigh theſaied Manours,Landes,and Tenementes, and other the Premiſſes,or any parte therof ſhoulde bee,or within any of theim,whiche bille ſhoulde bee ſigned, ſealed, hadde,and made,as is aforeſaied,before any Bille ſhoulde be therof ſigned by the kinges Maieſtie: That then euery of theſaied Patentees,Grauntees,and Donees, their Heires, Executours,or adminiſtratours within one yere next after due proofe, and decrees therof made,and had in the Court,within whoſe ſurueigh theſame Caſtelles,Manours,landes,Tenementes,and other the premiſſes or any parcell therof before theſaied giftes,& grauntes were,ſhulde content and paie to the king for theſame ouerplus,and more value of theſame Manours, landes,Tenementes,tithes,Penſions,porcions,& other hereditamentes to him ſolde,& exchaunged after ſoche rate as other landes,& tenementes were before to him ſolde, or exchaunged,& for the ouerplus,and more value of ſoche landes,& tenemẽtes,as ſhoulde happen to be geuen by the Kinges Maieſtie,& not ſolde,as is aboue ſaied,theſaied Patentee,his Heires, executours, or Adminiſtratours ſhoulde contente,and paie to the king after the rate of.xx.yeres purchaſe,ſo that theſame proofe,and Decree were hadde, and made, in maner, and fourme aforeſaied, within tenne yeres nexte after the date of theſaied Lettres Patentes, as by theſame Statute more at large it dooeth, and maie appeare: Sithens the making of whiche Statutes,diuers of theſaied Patẽtees,grauntees,and donees,according to the true meaning,and entente of theſaied Statutes,and prouiſions of theſame,haue by their Billes ſeuerall,Signed,and Sealed with the handes,and ſeales of theſaied Patentees,exhibited to the kinges Maieſtie, or to his officer mencioned in theſaied ſeuerall Actes, and prouiſions, before theſame Bille were ſigned by theſaied late king, or by the kinges highneſſe that now is:whiche Billes ſo ſigned by the ſaied Patentees, ſometime by the negligence of theſame Officers,or their Clerkes, ſometime by the death of theſame officers, and ſometime by the Alteration, and chaunge of theſaied officers, many of theſaied Billes ſo ſigned,and ſealed,been now by negligence embeſeled,and loſte,and many times there haue been no ſoche Billes made, but omitted and forgotten:by reaſon wherof diuerſe Queſtions, ambiguities, and doubtes maie ariſe, aſwell for the kinges ſuretie, and ſatisfaction, as for the Patentees, their heires, and aſſignes: For the auoidyng of all whiche ambiguities,queſtions, and doubtes: Bee it enacted by the king our Souuereine Lorde, the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Communes in this preſente Parlamente aſſembled,and by the auctoritie of theſame,that aſwell all,

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and ſingular Letters patentes made by theſaid late king, as by the Kinges Maieſtie that now is, ſithens the making of theſaid ſeueral ſtatutes, and actes, or that hereafter ſhalbe made by our ſaied Souuereine Lorde the king that now is, during his life, (whoſe life God long preſerue) ſhalbe good, and effectuall to all, and euery patentee, their heires, and aſſignes, the lacke, or wāt of any ſoche bill, or billes or whether the particular, or particulars wer had, or made, or hereafter to be had, or made by any of the kinges auditour, or auditours ſurueighour, or ſurueighors in any wiſe notwithſtāding. And that theſame patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, & aſſignes, and euery of theim ſhal fromhenſoorth haue, and take, all, and ſingular ſoche profeictes, benefeictes, commodities, and aduauntages mencioned in theſaied ſeuerall Statutes, as though theſaied billes had been ſigned, & ſealed, and were redie to be ſhewed, accoording to the true entent of theſaied ſtatutes, or any of theim.

And to thentent the king ſhalbe trulie aunſwered of thouerplus of the yerelie value of theſaied manours, landes, & tenementes, and hereditamētes conteined, or to be conteined in any ſoche lettres patentes, as is aforeſaied, accoording to the true meaning of theſaied Acte, or Actes, and the prouiſions of theſame: Be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaied, that all, and ſingular ſoche Patentees, grauntees, and donees, as at any time from the making of theſaied ſeuerall ſtatutes haue obteined, or gotten, or hereafter ſhal obteine, or get any Caſtelles, manours, Landes, tenementes, Tithes, penſions, Portions, or other hereditamentes of the gifte, graunte, ſale or exchaunge of theſaied late king, or of the king that now is, or of thonelie gift of theſaied kinges, or of any of thē, of his, or their moſt liberall diſpoſition, or of any of thē, & not ſolde, whiche at the date of the letters patentes therof made, or hereafter to be made, ſhalbee of more, or better yerelie value to theſaied late king, or to the king, that now is in yerelie rente, and ferme, then is, and ſhalbe conteined mencioned, or ſpecified in any ſoche lettres patentes, or particulars therof made by theſaied Auditour, or Auditours, Surueighour, or Surueighours, or other officers, that then euery of theſaid Patentees, grauntees, and donees, their executours, and aſſignes, within one yere next after due proofe, and decree thereof made, and hadde in the courte within whoſe ſurueigh theſame Caſtelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premiſſes, or any parcel therof then were, or ſhalbe, ſhall contente, and paie vnto the king for the ſame ouerplus, and more value for theſame Manours, Landes, tenementes, Tithes, penſions, portions, and other hereditamentes to him, or theim ſolde, or exchaunged, or hereafter to bee ſolde, or exchaunged after ſoche rate, as the other landes, and tenementes wer before to him ſolde, or exchaunged, or that hereafter ſhalbe ſo ſold, or

exchaunged, and for the ouerplus, and more value of soche Landes, and Tenementes as hath been geuen by thesaied late King, or the Kinges Maiestie that now is, or that hereafter shalbe geuen by the King that now is, and not solde, as is abouesaid, thesaied Patentee and Patentees, his, and their heires, executours, and assignes shal content, and paie to the King after the rate of .xx. yeres purchase, so that thesame proofe, and decree be, or shalbe made, in fourme aforesaied, within .xbi. yeres next after the date of soche, and thesame lettres Patentes made, or to be made, in fourme aforesaied.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that this acte, or any prouision therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende to confirme, ratifie, or make good any Lease, or leases made, or hereafter to be made for terme of life, liues, or yeres, where vpon the olde, and accustomed rentes, or more be not, or herafter shall not be reserued, and yerelie paiable during the time, and terme of thesaied lease, and leases, nor to any lease, or leases made in reuersion of any parte, or parcel of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes or hereditamentes parcel of the Duchie of Lancastre, or within the Surueigh of thesame Duchie.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteined, shal extēd to confirme, ratifie, or make good any lettres Patentes heretofore made, or hereafter to bee made of estate of enheritaunce, by any king, or kinges of this Realme, but to soche lettres Patentes, as were made by the saied late king Henrie theight, sens thesaied .xiii. date of Februarie, in thesaied .xxbi. yere of his Reigne, or hath been, or hereafter shalbee made by the kinges Maiestie that now is during his life (whiche God long preserue) any thing, or matier conteined in this Acte, or in any of the prouisions before rehearsed to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where also the late king of famous memorie Henrie theight and also our Souuereine Lorde the kinges Maiestie that now is, aswell by diuerse bargaines, and sales, for diuerse great summes of monie, as by giftes, exchaunges, or otherwise haue geuen, & graunted by their seuerall lettres Patentes, vnder the great seale of Englande, or vnder the great seale of the Duchie of Lancastre, diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes with the appurtenaunces to diuerse, and sondrie their louing subiectes, of any estate of enheritaunce to holde in Socage onely, and not in Capite, for all maner of seruices, and without reseruation of any Tenthes, or rentes in thesame letters Patentes, as by thesame seuerall Lettres patentes maie appeare: And forasmoche as by certeine Statutes herto fore made, doubtes, and ambiguities maie arise vpon soche Lettres Patentes for lacke of Tenures in Capite, or reseruations

tions of tenthes, or rentes whiche might be hereafter to the vnquietnesse of soche Patentees, their heires, assignes, or successours contrarie to the ententes, and mindes of the said late King, and of our said Souereine Lorde the kinges Maiestie that now is: for the auoiding of all doubtes, and ambiguities, and for the quietenesse of the kinges louing Subiectes: Be it also enacted, and established by the authoritie aforesaid, that all Lettres Patentes Sealed, or hereafter to be sealed with the greate seale of Englande, or with the great Seale of the Duchie of Lancastre, shalbee good, perfecte, and auaillable in Lawe to all ententes, and purposes, according to the said Lettres Patentes, the nonage of our Souuereine Lorde the Kinges Maiestie that now is, as Duke of Lancastre, albeit alwaies as King, he is of fulle Age, or any Acte, Statute, or Lawes, for or concerning any Tenures, or reseruations of Rentes, or Tenthes to the contrarie notwithstanding: Hauing to all, and euery persone, and persones, bodies Politique, and Corporate, their Heires, Successours, executours, and assignes, and to euery of theim, other then the kinges Maiestie, his heires, and Successours, as kinges of this Realme, or as Dukes of Lancastre, all, and euery soche Rightes, Titles, Leases, Conditions, Rentes, and interestes whatsoeuer, as thei, or any of theim shoulde, ought, or might haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer ben hadde, or made. This acte, or any thing therin conteined to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

The. iiii. Chapitre.

An Acte that all patentees of Collectourshippes of Tenthes shalbe bounde for their Collections.

WHere the Archebishoppes, and Bishoppes of this Realme of Englande are bounde to the kinges Maiestie for the Collecting, and true Paiemente of the Dismes, or Tenthes dewe to his Highnesse for all, and singulare Benefices, and other Ecclesiasticalle Promotiones whatsoeuer being within their seueralle Diocese: For the Collection whereof, diuerse of the predecessours of the said Archebishoppes, and Bishoppes haue by their lettres patentes confirmed with Chaptre seale geuen, and graunted to sundrie persones without prouision of sufficient bondes for the true Collection, and paiemente of the said Dismes, or Tenthe, to our Souuereine Lorde, or otherwise, to discharge the Graunteores of the said Patentes, and their Successours, whereby the kinges Maiestie hath ben greatlie defrauded of his said duetie, and many of the said Bishoppes sore troubled, to their great hinderaunce, and vtter vndooing.

Bee it therefore enacted by our Souereine Lorde the King,

with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Communes in this present Parlament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all Collectours of thesaied Tenthes vnder any Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe within this Realme of Englande, or other the kinges dominions, hauing Lettres Patentes, or other writinges of their saied office of Collectourshippe of thesaied Tenthes, shal before the feast of the Natiuitie of Saincte Jhon Baptist next coming, be bounde by their sufficiēt writing obligatorie, or recognisaunce, in the Court of the firste fruictes, and Tenth, or in any other Courte, where the kinges reuenues of the Tenth shalbe aunswerable in soche Summe, or summes of Moneie, as shalbe dewe and growing yerelie to our Souuereine Lorde the King, within their saied Collection, or Office, to saue, and kepe thesaied Archebishoppes, or Bishoppes, and euery of theim harmeleste, and without hurte, or damage, against the kinges Maiestie, his Heires, and Successours of, and for all maner of Accoumptes, and Paiementes of Moneie, whiche thei, or any of theim haue, shall, or maie conuenientlie receiue, during the time of their seuerall Collections, and that maie be lawfullie demaunded, or required of thesaied Archebishoppes, or Bishoppes, or any of theim, for, or concerning thesaied Tenthes by Reasone of the Statute of the firste fruictes, and Tenthe, or els their saied Lettres Patentes, and other Writinges to be vtterlie voide, and of none effecte. And for that the persones Vicares, and Curates, within this Realme, for the most parte bee not hable to paie their Tenthes, before that thei shal haue receiued the profeictes of their benefices, whiche yerelie groweth, and renueth to theim at the feast of Easter, whiche feast in many yeares falleth after the first daie of Aprile, whiche saied first daie of Aprile, is now the daie that is stalled, and appointed to thesaid Archebishoppes, and Bishoppes, to make paiement to the kinges Maiestie of thesaied Tenthes: Bee it therefore enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that thesaied Archebishoppes, and Bishoppes, and euery of theim, shall fromhensforth make yerelie paiement of thesaied Tenthes, vnto our saied Souuereine Lorde, his Heires, and Successours, in the Court of the first Fruictes, and Tenthe, or els where it shall please the kinges Maiestie to appointe the paiment of thesame, before, or at the last daie of Maie, and not otherwise. And that the certificat of Recusantes made by any of thesaied Archebishoppes, or Bishoppes, or any of theim, before, or at thesaied laste daie of Maie yerelie, shalbe as good, and effectuall in the Lawe, to all Ententes, Constructiones, and Purposes, as though it hadde been made at the Daies, and times heretofore limited, and appointed by the Statute made in the .xxvi. yere of the Reigne of his most noble father of famouse memorie King Henrie the eighte, for Paiementes

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of tenthes, and firſt fruictes, any lawe, or Statute heretofore had or made to the contrarie in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And bee it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that if any promotion Spirituall bee now, or ſhall chaunce hereafter to be, or remaine in ſoche ſorte voide, that no Incumbent is, or canne bee conuenientlie prouided for theſame: That then theſaied Archebiſchoppes, and Biſchoppes, and euery of theim ſhall, and maie certifie yerelie before the laſt daie of Maie theſame vacations ſpeciallie, and accordinge to the trouth of the matier, into theſaied Courte of the firſte fruictes, and Tenth, or in any other Courte, where the kinges reuenues of Tenthes ſhalbe aunſwerable, vpon whiche certificat, theſaied Archebiſchoppes, and Biſchoppes, and euery of theim ſhalbe diſcharged towardes, and againſt the kinges Maieſtie, his Heires, and Succeſſours, in like ſorte, as thei nowe bee, vpon their certificat of the Recuſantes: And that then, and from thenſforth it ſhalbe lawefull to the kinges Maieſtie, his Heires, and Succeſſours to leuie, and take al the glebe landes, Tithes, Iſſues, or profeictes of theſaied benefice, or Spirituall promotione ſo eſpeciallie certified, as is aforeſaied, vntill his grace, his heires, and ſucceſſours maie be fullie anſwered, ſatiſfied, and pated of the whole arrerages of theſaied Tenthes then due to his Maieſtie, and theſaied Archebiſchoppes, and Biſchoppes, and euery of theim, to bee from the time of theſaied eſpeciall certificat, clerelie exonerated, and diſcharged againſt the king, his heires, and Succeſſours, of theſame arrerages, any Lawe, or Statute heretofore hadde, or made to the contrarie, in any wiſe, notwithſtanding.

And be it ferther enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaied, that al, and euery Graunt, Patent, or writing whatſoeuer, that ſhall hereafter be made to any perſone, or perſones, by any Archebiſchoppe, or Biſchoppe, by themſelfes, or els by any Archebiſchoppe, or Biſchoppe, confirmed by Chaptre Seale, within this Realme of Englande, or elſwhere within the kinges dominions, of rhoffice of Collectourſhippe of the Tenthes growing, and ariſing yerelie to be due vnto our ſaid Souuereine lorde the king, within the Dioceſe, and Biſchoprike of any ſoche grauntour, by the reaſon of the ſtatute of the firſt fruictes, and Tenthes, ſhall ſtande, abide, and endure in his, or their force, ſtrength, and effecte no more, nor longer time, then theſaied grauntour ſhalbe, and remaine Archebiſchoppe, or Biſchoppe of theſame ſee and Biſchoprike, whereof he was poſſeſſed at the time of his ſaied graunte, any confirmation of theſaid graunt, or any cuſtome, vſage Lawe, or Statute at any time heretofore hadde, vſed, or made to the contrarie, in any wiſe, notwithſtanding.

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¶ The.v. Chapitre.
¶ An Acte to auoide the great prices and excesse of Wines.

FOr the auoiding of many inconueniences, moche euil rule, and commune resorte of misruled persones vsed, and frequented in many Tauernes of late newlie set vp in very great numbre, in backe lanes, corners, and suspicious places within the Citie of London, & in diuerse other tounes, & villages within this realme: Be it enacted by thaue thoritie of this presente parlament, that no person or persones whatsoeuer enhabiting within any of the kinges Maiesties dominions of Englande, and Wales, shal after the feast of S. Michaell tharchaungell next coming, vtter by retaile, by smal measure, that is to saie, by gallone, or any other Measure of greater, or lesse quantitie any Wines, called Gascon, Guion, or Frenche Wines but after the rate of. viii. d. the gallone at the most, by any maner of meanes, colour, engine, or crafte, nor any Rochell Wines at greater prices, or valuation then after the rate of. iiii. d. the gallone at the most, nor any other Wine, or Wines, at greater price, or valuation, then after the rate of. xii. d. the gallon at the most, vpon peine that euery persone doing the contrarie, shall forfaicte for euery soche offence. v. l. of lawfull monete of Englande.

And be it ferther enacted by thauthoritie aforesaied, that it shal not be lawful to any persone, or persones within any the dominiõs aforesaied, except he, or thei shall, and maie dispende in landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or other yereli profites certeine the summe of. C. Marks of lawful monete of Englande, or els be worthy of his awne proper gooddes, and Cattalles, one. M. Marks, or shalbe the sonne of a Duke, Marques, Earle, Vicount, or Barõ of this realme to haue, or kepe after thesaied feast of S. Michael tharchaungel, in his house, or custodie, any piece, or vessel of any of thesaied Wines of Galcõ, Guion, Frenche, or Rochel Wines, conteining aboue the quantitie of. x. gallons, to the intent to spende, or drinke the same in his, or their house, or houses, by any colour, or meanes, vpon peine to forfaicte for euery soche offence. x. l. of lawfull monete of Englande.

And also be it ferther enacted by the auctoritie of this presente Parlament, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone, or persones within any of thesaied dominiõs, after thesaid feast of S. Michael to kepe any Tauerne, or to sel, or vtter by retaile, by the Gallone, or lesse, or greater measure in any place, any of thesaied Wine, or Wines within any of thesaied dominions, except it be in cities, tounes corporate, boroughes, porte tounes, or market tounes, or in the tounes

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of Graueſende, Sittyngbourne, Turkoꝛde, and Bagſhot, vpon pein that euery perſone, oꝛ perſones that ſhall ſo offende contrary to the fourme of this act, ſhall loſe, and koꝛfaict koꝛ euery daie ſo offendyng the ſumme of.x.l. of Lawfull money of Englande, noꝛ that it ſhalbe lawfull to any perſone, oꝛ perſones after theſaied feaſt of ſainct Michael, to kepe any Tauerne, oꝛ ſell, oꝛ vtter by retaile, by the gallone, oꝛ leſſe, oꝛ greater meaſure in any Citie, Boꝛough, oꝛ toune coꝛpoꝛate, any maner of wines, but onely ſuche perſone, and perſones as ſhalbe therunto nominated, appointed, and aſſigned by the head Officers, and the moſte part of the commune Counſaill, Aldermen, Burgeſes, Jurates, oꝛ communaltie koꝛ the time beyng of ſuche Citie, Boꝛough oꝛ Toune coꝛpoꝛate, where ſuche perſone, oꝛ perſones ſhall Tauerne, ſell, oꝛ vtter wine by retaile, as is afoꝛeſaid: theſaid nomination, and aſſignement to be made by wꝛityng vnder the commune ſeale of ſuche Citie, Boꝛough, oꝛ Toune coꝛpoꝛate, as is afoꝛeſaid, and theſaid nomination, appouictment, and aſſignement ſhall continue in their foꝛce oꝛ be chaunged at the election, and pleaſure of the head Officer, oꝛ officers, and the moſte part of the commune counſaill, Aldermen, Burgeſes, Jurates, oꝛ Communaltie koꝛ the time beyng of ſuche Citie, Boꝛough, oꝛ Toune Coꝛpoꝛate by wꝛityng, and vnder ſuche Commune Seale, as is afoꝛeſaied, noꝛ that it ſhalbe Lawfull to any perſone, oꝛ perſones to kepe any Tauerne, oꝛ to ſell, oꝛ vtter any wine by retaile, as is afoꝛeſaid, in any Citie, Boꝛough, Poꝛt Toune, oꝛ Market Toune not coꝛpoꝛate, within the realme of Englande, oꝛ Wales, oꝛ in theſaid Tounes of Graueſende, Sittyngbourne, oꝛ Bagſhotte, but onely ſuche perſone, oꝛ perſones as therunto ſhalbe aſſigned, nominated, and appointed by all, oꝛ the moſte parte of the Juſtices of Peace koꝛ the time beyng of ſuche Shire, oꝛ countie where ſuche Tauernes, oꝛ ſellyng of wine by retaile ſhalbe had, oꝛ allowed, as ſhalbe pꝛeſent at the generall Seſſion koꝛ the time beyng, to be holden within euery of theſaid Shires, oꝛ Counties, theſaid aſſignement, nomination, and appointment to be had, and made in full Seſſion by wꝛityng vnder the ſeuerall Seale of euery of theſaid Juſtices, and to be continued, altred, oꝛ chaunged, in like fourme, and by like aucthoꝛitie as is laſt afoꝛeſaid, vpon pein that euery perſone that ſhall after theſaied feaſt, ſell, oꝛ retaile any Wine beyng not therunto licenced, and aucthoꝛiſed, as is afoꝛeſaid, ſhall koꝛfaict, and loſe koꝛ euery daie that he ſhall ſo offende, v.l. of lawfull money of Englande: Noꝛ that any perſone, oꝛ perſones hauyng aucthoꝛitie by this pꝛeſent acte to nominate, aſſigne, oꝛ appoinct what perſones ſhall Tauerne, vtter, oꝛ ſell Wine by retaile, as is afoꝛeſaid, ſhall nominate, aſſigne, oꝛ appoinct by his, oꝛ their wꝛityng any mo, oꝛ greater numbꝛe of Tauernes, oꝛ Wine ſellers by retaile to ſell, oꝛ vtter Wine, oꝛ kepe, oꝛ continue any

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Tauerne at one time, in any one Citie, Borough, Toune Corporate, Port Toune, or Market Toune, or in Grauesende, Sittyngbourne, or Bagshotte, (all and euery soche Citie and Toune heraftter expresly named onely except) then twoo Wine Sellers, or Tauernes. And it shall not be Lawfull to any persone, or persones hauyng auctoritie to nominate, assigne, or appoinct Tauernes, or Sellers of wine by retaile by this Acte to nominate, assigne, or appoinct by writyng any mo, or greater numbre of Tauernes, or Wine Sellers in the citie of London to sell, or vtter Wine by retaile at any time aboue the numbre of .xl. Tauernes, or Wine sellers. And in Yorke .viii. in Norwiche .iiii. in Westminster .iii. in Bristole .vi. in Lincolne .iii. kingston vpon Hulle .iiii. in Shrowesburie .iii. in Exeter .iiii. in Salisburie iii. in Gloceſter .iiii. in Westchester .iiii. in Herekorde Cast .iii. in Worcester .iii. in Southampton .iii. in Cantorburie .iiii. in Ipswiche .iii. in Winchester iii. Orforde .iii. in Cãbrige .iiii. in Colchester .iii. in Newcastell vpon Tine .iiii. Tauernes, or wine Sellers, vpon pein, that euery persone auctho̅rised by this act to nominate, assigne, or appoinct Tauernes, or wine Sellers, to forfaict for euery nomination, assignement, or appoinctment by him made, contrary to the fourme of this Acte .v.li.

And be it ferther enacted by thauctho̅ritie aforesaid, that no persone, or persones whatsoeuer, from, and after the said feast of Sainct Michael, shall sell, or vtter by retaile any kinde of wine, or wines to be drunke, or spent in his, or their mansion house, or houses, or other place in his, or their tenure, or occupacion by any colour, craft, engine, or meane, vpon pein to forfaict for euery soche offence .x.li. of lawfull money of Englande, thone halfe of all whiche forfaictures shalbe to the king our Souerein Lorde, and thother halfe to him or them that will sue for the same by accion of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of record, in whiche accion, or sute, no essoine wager of lawe, or protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwaies that it shalbe Lawfull for all, and euery merchaunt, and Merchauntes aduenturyng for the same at his, or their awne costes, and charges, to haue, and kepe to spende in his, or their house, or houses soche Wine or Wines, as he shall transport, or cause to be transported into this Realme, or any part therof, not takyng any money, or other recompense for the same that shalbe so spent in his, or their houses, and that it shalbe Lawfull to euery high Sheriff of euery Countie, Maior, Baliff, and Sheriff of euery Citie, and Toune Corporate, within this Realme of Englande, and other the said Dominions for the time beyng, duryng his, or their Office or charge, and to euery other persone inhabityng, or dwellyng in any of the kinges Maiesties Fortes, or Tounes fortified, and kept for the warres

warres, during his, or their dwellinges in any soche sorte, or toune of warre, to haue wine in their houses by the vessell, to spende thesame in his, or their houses without taking any moneie, or other recõpense for thesame so spent in his, or their house, or other place in their tenure or occupation. This acte, or any thing therin conteined to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is ferther enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that the Justices of peace of euery shire, or countie, citie, and toune corporat in their seuerall Sessions, and the Stuarde in euery lete, & the Sherief in his tourne, and euery Exchetour shall haue ful power, and auctoritie by this present acte, to enquire by the othes of .xii. lawfull men of all, and euery offece, & offences perpetrated, or doen contrarie to the forme of this acte. And that euery inquirie and presentment taken, and had by the othes of .xii. lawful men, as is aforesaid, shalbe of soche force, and effecte, as if thesame were taken, or had, before the king in his maiesties benche. And that euery of the peines, penalties, and forfaictures aforesaid, to be due by force of this acte, for any offence to be committed, or doen by any person, or persons contrarie to the fourme of this present acte, as shalbe founde by presentment before thesaid Justices of peace, Exchetour, Sherife, or Stuarde, by verdicte of .xii. men, as is aforesaied, and no bille, plaint, action, or information therof commenced in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, shalbe diuided equallie in two partes, wherof the one shalbe to the king our Souuereine lorde, his heires, and successours. And thother to be to the poore people of the toune, or place, where soche presentment shalbe founde.

Prouided alwaies, and be it ferther enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that this acte, or any thing therin conteined, shal not extende to charge any persõ, or persones with any penaltie, or forfaiture, for, and concerning any offence to be doen contrarie to the tenour of this acte, onles he, or thei so offẽding, be sued, endicted, or presẽted for thesame w̃in one yere next after thesame offence be doen, & cõmitted, as is aforesaid, any thing in this acte conteined to the cõtrarie, notwithstanding

Prouided alwaie, that this act, or any thing therin cõteined shal not in any wise be preiudicial, or hurtful to any of the vniuersities of Orforde, and Cambrige, or to the Chauncellour, or Scholars of thesame or their successours, or any of thẽ to empaire, or take awaie any of the liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, iurisdictions, powers, or auctorities to them, or any of thẽ apperteining, or belonging, but that thei, & euery of them, and their successours maie haue, holde, vse, & emote al their liberties, priuileges, fraunchises iurisdictions, powers, and auctorities, in soche large, and ample wise, as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made, so alwaies that there be not any more, or greater nũbre of tauernes kept, or maunteined within any of thesaid tounes of Orforde, or Cambrige, then maie be lawefullie kepte, and maintained by

the prouision, true meaning, and entente of this statute, any thing in this prouiso mencioned to the cõtrarie notwithstanding.

¶ The.vi. Chapitre.

In acte reuiuing a statute made in the.xvii. yere of king Edwarde the.iiii. touching the carryng of Golde, and Siluer out of the Realme.

Here in the parlament begonne, & holden at Westminster the.xvi. daie of Januarie, in the.xvii. yere of king Edwarde the.iiii. emongs other it was ordeined. by thauctoritie of thesame parlamẽt that no persone should carrie, or make to be carried out of this realme, or Wales from no part of thesame any maner of moneie of the coigne of this realme, nor monete of the coigne of other relames, landes or lordshippes, nor plate, vessel, bullió, or iewel of golde. garnished, or vngarnished, or of siluer vout the kinges licẽce, but suche persons as be dispẽsed within the statute made in ỹ.ii yere of king Hẽrie the.vi. & other diuerse statutes, made vpõ peine of felonie, as in thesaid statute and ordinaũce more plainlie doeth appeare, the whiche statute, & ordinaũce was made to endure frõ the feast of Easter in the.xviii. yere of thesaid king Edwarde the.iiii. vnto thende of.vii. yeres then next ensuing, whiche statute, & ordinaunce before rehearsed by auctoritie of parlament holden in the.iiii. yere of the late king of famous memorie king Hẽrie the.vii, was affirmed, & enacted, to be good, and effectual frõ the feast of the purificatiõ of our Ladie, in the yere of our lord god m.cccc.lxxxix. & to endure to thende of.xx. yeres thẽ next ensuing, as by ỹ same statute also more plainlie appereth: sithen the whiche.xx. yeres so expired, the golde, & siluer of the coigne of this realme, hath, & daielie is, and been caried, and conueighed into Flaundres, Fraunce, Normandie, Britaine, Irelande, & other parties beyond the sea, aswel by merchaunt straungers, as by Denizens, to the great impouriching of this realme, and greater is like to be, onelesse remedie therfore spedelie be prouided. Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this Parlament, that thesaid statute, & ordinaunce before rehearsed made in the saied.xviii. yere of king Edwarde the.iiii. and euery article, clause, sentence, or prouisiõ therin conteined shalbe affirmed, and enacted to be good, and effectuall from the first daie of Maie nexte coming, and to endure to thende of.xx. yeres then next ensuing.

Prouided alwaies, that if any of the lordes of the Parlamente, or any of the peres of this realme for the time being, shall fortune to bee endicted of any of thoffences limited in thesated acte made in thesaid xviii. yere of king Edwarde the.iiii. that then thei, and euery of theim, shall haue his, or their triall by their peres, as hath been vsed heretofore, in cases of high treason.

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¶ The.vii. Chapitre.

¶ An Acte for the Assise of Fuell.

Here thassise, and measure of Talwood, billet, fagot, Coles, and other fuel, appointed, and assised by an Acte of Parlamente made at Westminster, the.xxii. daie of Januarie, in the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of our late Souuereine Lorde king Henrie the.viii. is the same assise that was kept in the time of king Edwarde the.iiii. whiche assise hath not bē kept, ne could conueniently be kept these.lx. yeres, nor at these daies can be kept by reasō of the great scarcitie of woodes that is happened sens the time of the saied king Edwarde the.iiii. And also by reasō of the greatnesse of the said assise, the same fuel, nor coles cannot be caried at these daies wout alteration of the cartes, wherin soche fuel & coles are now carried, by reason wherof, & for that that in the saied statute, the penaltie whiche is the forfaiture of the saied fuel, or coles lacking the saied assise conteined in the saied acte, dependeth vpon the buier therof, and not vpon the seller, ne maker, marker, or seller of the same. By reason wherof, diuerse cities, & countries are like presently to lacke fuel, & coles. onelesse spedie remedie be shortlie had in this behalf. For redresse wherof: Be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present parlament, that no person, or persons shal susteine any losse, peine, or penaltie for buiyng, or selling of any talwood, billet, or fagot now cut and made, although the same be not of thassise conteined in the saied acte, any thing conteined in the same acte not withstanding. And that al talwood, billet, fagot, and coles to bee made, and put to sale in the cities of Londō, or Westminster, or in the Suburbes of the same, after the last daie of Septēbre next coming, shal kepe thassises hereafter expressed, that is to weete, that euery sacke of Coles conteine.iiii. Bushels of good, or cleane coles. And that euery talshide cōteine in legth iiii. fote besides the carte. And euery talshide named of one, to cōteine in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xvi. inchs about. And euery talshide named of. ii. to conteine in greateneesse within a foote of the middest. xxiii. inchs about. And euery talshide named of. iii. to conteine in greatnes within a fote of the middest. xxviii. inchs about. And euery talshide named of. iiii. to conteine in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xxxiii. inches about. And euery talshide named of v. to conteine in greatnesse win a fote of the middest. xxxviii. inchs about. And euery billet to conteine in length. iii. fote, & .iiii. inchs. And euery billet named a single, to conteine. vii. inches. or about. And euery billet named to be a cast, to conteine. x. inchs about. And euery billet named of ii. cast, to cōteine. xiiii. inchs about. And euery fagotbedde to conteine in length iii. foote. And the bonde of euery soche fagot to be of. xviii. inches about, besides the knotte, whiche assises are litle lesse then the

aſſiſes conteined in theſaied ſormer acte, and alſo are moche greater then any aſſiſe that now is, or of long time hath been cõmunelie kept

And be it ferther enacted, that it ſhalbe lawful fromhenſforth, for euery owner without daungier of any forfaicture to make billettes of two caſtes And that al billettes of two caſtes fromhenſforth to be made, and put to ſale, ſhalbe of thaſſiſe herin compziſed, or moze, and ſhalbe marked onely within .vi. inchȝ of the middeſt therof. And that euery billet of one caſt fröhenſforth to be made, and put to ſale, ſhalbe onely marked within .iiii. inches of thende therof, vpon peine that euery maker, and euery ſeller that ſhall make any ſoche fuel, or coles and put theſame to ſale, to forfaicte for euery ſhide of talwood, billet, fagot, or ſacke of coles, fromhenſforth put to ſale, lacking of thaſſiſe aforeſaid. iii. ſ. iiii. d. And that this preſent ſtatute only, and no other ſtatute of aſſiſe of fuell, or coles, ſhal fromhenſforth ſtande in force, ne take place. And forasmoche as by the gredie appetite, and couetouſneſſe of diuerſe perſones, fuel, coles, and wood, runneth many times thzough .iiii. or .v. ſeueral handes, or mo, before it cometh to the handes of them, that for their neceſſitie doe burne, or retaile theſame

Be it ferther enacted that from the firſt daie of Maie next coming no perſone, or perſones ſhal bute any ſoche wood, coles, or fuell, but only ſoche as will burne, or conſume theſame, or ſoche perſones, as ſhal ſell theſame againe by retaile to ſoche, as ſhal burne, or conſume theſame for their owne occupiyng, without fraud, or coune, or whar fingers, or bargemen, vpon peine to forfaicte the treble value of all ſoche wood, coles, and fuel, as ſhalbe otherwiſe bought for any lucre or gaine. And that no perſone, or perſones, ſhall altre any marke, or aſſiſe of any of theſaid fuel marked, or ſiſed according to this ſtatute in peine of like forfaicture, as is aforeſaied: thone haulf of all whiche forfaiture herin conteined, ſhalbe to the king our ſouuereine lord, and thother haulf to him, or theim that will ſue for the ſame by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any of the kinges courtes of Recorde, wherin no eſſoine, protection, nor wager of lawe to be allowed or admitted for the defendauntes

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that no perſone, or perſones, ſhal yelde, ne forfaicte any penaltie herin cõteined, onles actiõ, or ſute be cõmenced for theſame, within one whole yere next after thoffence therof committed, or doen. And that if any cutter, or maker, as afore ſaid, or other that ſhal forfaict any ſũme herin conteined, ſhall not be hable to yelde ſoche forfaiture, or ſũme, as is aforeſaid, that thẽ ſoche perſon therof cõuicted by witneſſes, or otherwiſe, to be ſet on the pillorie in the next market toune to the place where he ſhal ſo offẽde by a Juſtice of the peace, or any other of the kinges officers, at .xi. of the clocke vpon the market daie, with a billet, or fagot bounden to ſome parte of his bodie. And ſo to be diſcharged of theſaid forfaiture.

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Prouided also, and bee it enacted, that it shalbe lawful to euery persone, and persones, to buie, sell, make, and cut billettes for thonely seruing of the Toune of Callice, and the Marches of thesame, so that thei conteine in length .xxx. inchs at the least, as hath been there most accustomed .xl. yeres laste paste, without forfaicture of any penaltie herin conteined, any thing herin conteined to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The .viii. Chapitre.

¶ An Acte for the true fulling, and thicking of Cappes.

Where as in the Parlament holden at Westminstre, in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of King Edwarde the .iiii. great graundfather to the King our Souuereine lorde that now is, it was established, and enacted by thauctoritie of thesame parlament, that no maner of persone, or persōs, after the feaste of Easter then nexte folowing, should ful, or thicke, or cause to be fulled, or thicked any bonettes, or cappes, double, or single, in any fulling mille, or by the meane of any fulling mille, vpon peine to forfaicte, and lose .xl s. for euery cappe so thicked cōtrarie to thesame acte. And also that no person, hatmaker, capper, or other whatsoeuer he were after the saied feast of Easter should sette, or cause to be sette, any bonettes, or cappes, double, or single, to be fulled, or thicked, to any soche mille, or by the meane of any soche mille, or sette to sale any soche hattes, bonettes, or cappes, double, or single, whiche after thesaied feast should be so made, fulled, or thicked, vpon peine to forfaicte, and lose the bonettes, and cappes so set, as afore is saied, to any soche mille, to be fulled, or thicked, or otherwaies put to sale contrarie to thesaid Acte & also to forfaicte, & lose .xl. s. as often as any soche person shal set to fulling, or thicking, or to sale any soche hattes, bonettes, or cappes so thicked, or put to sale contrarie to thesame acte: thone half of thesaied forfaictures, and penalties, and euery of theim to thesaied late king, and thother halfe to him, or them of the kinges subiectes, whiche shold seaze thesame, or sue for thesame in any of the kinges courtes of Recorde by information, or els in any other court by action of debt, by writte at the commune lawe, or by bil, or plaint after the custome of the citie, or toune, where any soche forfaictures shal happē to fal, or be. And the defendaunt, in any soche actiō, not to be admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection, nor essoin for any soche defendaūt shalbe allowed: whiche saied acte was made to endure from thesaid feast of Easter, vntil the ende of .ii. yeres then next folowing, and no lenger, as by thesame acte more plainlie maie appeare. Whereas sens the time of thexpiration of thesaid good, & laudable statute, certeine

of the subiectes of this realme, for their singular lucre, & auaile haue caused the most part of bonettes & cappes made within this realme to be fulled, & thicked in fulling milles: By reason wherof not only the said cappes, and bonettes so thicked, & fulled in fulling milles, be for the most part broken, & deceiptfullie wrought, for that they cannot in any waies, by any soche meanes of fulling, & thicking in soche milles be well, and truelie wrought. to the greate losse of the kinges most louing subiectes, but also a great nũbre of the kinges maiesties most louing subiectes, by whom soche cappes, and bonettes were in time past faithfullie, and truelie made, wrought, fulled, and thicked by mennes strength, that is to saie, with handes, and feete, haue honestlie before this time gained their liuing, and kepte many apprentices, & seruauntes in woorke of that onely occupation, to the great commoditie of this realme, & the subiectes of the same, whiche now be vtterlie decaied. And forasmoche as the said statute is good, and profitable for the cõmon wealth of this realme, our Souerein lorde the king by thassent of the lordes spirituall, and temporall, & the Cõmunz of this present Parlament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same hath ordeined, prouided, and enacted, that the said acte made in the said.xrii. yere of the said late king, frõ the feast of Pentecost next ensuing, shalbe reuiued, stande, & remain in ful force, strength, & effect in al, & euery clause, sentence, penaltie, & thing conteined in the same, according to the tenour, and effecte of the same acte, this acte to endure for fiue yeres next folowing the said feast of Pentecost.

The.ix. Chapitre.

An Acte for the making of White plaine streightes, and pinned white streightes in Deuon. and Cornewal.

Here in the parlament by prorogatiõ holden at Westminster, the.xriii. daie of Januarie, in the.b. yere of the reigne of our souuerein lorde the king that now is, & there cõtinued vnto the.xb. daie of Aprill, in the.bi. yere of the reigne of our said Souerein lorde, & then dissolued, one acte, ordinaũce or lawe was then, & there made, touching, & concerning the true making of woullein clothes, by the whiche said acte emonges other braunches, and ordinaũces therin conteined it was enacted, that from, and after the feast of S. Michael tharchaungell nexte ensuing the making of the said acte, no persone, or persones should put any heire, flockes, or any yarne made of Lambeswoulle into any Clothe, Carsie, Frize, or Cottone so made, and solde, or offred to be solde, vpõ peine to forfaicte euery soche cloth, carsie, frize, and cottõ, wherin any soche yarne, heire, or flockes shalbe put, or the value of soche cloth, carsie, frize, or cottone, as by the said statute it doeth, & maie appeare. And where in the counties of Deuõ & Cornewall

wal in diuerse partes therof, there be made certein kindes of clothes of the nature of Tauestocke Cloches, thone called white plain streightes, & thother called pinned white streightes, whiche sort of cloth be made w the refuse, & course woulles, flockes, labes woull, & heirie woulles, whiche kinde of clothes called white plain streightes, and pinned white streightes, are transported, & carled into the partes of Britaine beyonde the sea, & there vttred by the merchauntes therof by exchaunge, & bartrie for linen cloth called doulasse, sokera, & cannase, whiche thesame merchauntes doe afterwardes bring into this realme to serue the kings maiesties subiectes therwith aswel dwelling in thesaid counties of Deuon, & Cornewall, as in diuerse other partes of the realme. And forasmoche as in the foresaid acte there is no remedie prouided for the true making of thesaid clothes, nor any mention made of thesame kindes of clothes in thesaied Acte, & therfore doubted whether thei of thesame counties of Deuon, & Cornewall maie make thesaid kinde of Clothes, or not, without daungier of the foresaid Lawe, for that it is restreined, and prohibited by the said acte, that no persone, or persones should put any heire, flockes, or any yarne made of lambes woulle, into any clothe, frize, or cotton so made, and solde, or offred to be solde vpon peine afore specified. And for that thesaid kinde of clothes called white plaine streightes and pinned white streightes, are made with Cornishe woulle, whiche is for the most parte therof al heirie woulles.

And to thentent that frōhensfoorth thesaid clothes called white plaine streightes, and pinned white streightes, maie be trulie made, and to conteine a certeintie in length, breadth, and weight: Be it therfore enacted by the king our Souuereine lorde, the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the communz in this present Parlament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, that from, and after the first daie of Maie nexte comming euery piece of thesaied Clothes, called white plaine streightes, made after thesaied first daie of Maie, shal conteine in length being redie dressed to put to sale. xii. yardes at the least, and in breadth, one yarde at the least, in weight. xi. l. at the least vpon peine of forfaicture of thesame, or the value therof. And that euery piece of thesaid clothe called white pinned streightes, made after thesaied first daie of maie being readie dressed to put to sale, shal conteine in length. xi. yardes at the least, and in breath. iii. quartres of a yarde at the least, and in weight. viii. l. at the least, vpon peine of forfaicture of thesaid clothes, or the true value therof: thone moietie of al whiche forfaictes to be to the King our souuereine Lorde, and thother moietie to him, or them that will sue for thesame by action of debte, detinue, bille, plaint, or information, in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no essoine, protection, or wager of Lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

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And ferther be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that it shal and maie be lawful, to and for any persone, or persones whatsoever inhabiting, or dwelling within thesaid Counties of Deuon, & Corne wal, or either of them, to make the foresaied fortes of clothes with heire, flockes, or yarne made of labes woulles, or otherwise without any penaltie, or forfaicture therof, the foresaied acte made in thesaid last parlament, or any other lawe, or statute afore this parlament had or made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Be it ferther enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that thowner, or owners of al, and euery soche cloth, and clothes so wrought, & made shal bring, or cause to be brought thesame cloth, or clothes to the next citie, borough, or toune corporat, where thesame shalbe fulled, dressed and made, there to be measured, weighed, and sealed with a seale of Lead fixed to euery of ysaid pieces of cloth: in whiche seale tharmes or name of euery soche Citie, borough, or toune corporat shalbe grauen, and that the Maior of euery citie, borough, or toune corporate, where ysame cloth, or clothes shalbe brought, shal appoint & sweare twoo officers for the true weighing, measuring, and sealing therof. And that thesame officers shal haue for their weighing, measuring and sealing of euery piece of thesaied clothes one, ob. and no more

Be it ferther enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, ye euery clothier, or clothiers whiche shal put any of the clothes aforesaid to sale, or offre thesame to be solde, before thesame be weighed, measured, & sealed, as is aforesaied, shal forfaicte for euery soche defaulte, the clothe, or clothes so by him, or the sold, or offred to be solde, thone moitie wher of to be to the king our Souuerein lorde, & thother moietie to him, or theim that will sue for thesame, by action of debte, detinue, bille, plaint, or enformatiō in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no essoine protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt

The.x. Chapitre

An Acte for the vniting, and annexing of the toune of Gateside to the toune of Newcastel vpon Tine.

Where the quiet ordre, regiment, and gouernaunce of the Corporatione, and bodie politique of the toune of Newcastell vpon Tine, hath been not a litle disturbed, and hindred to a moche great, and manifest impouerishment, ruine, and decaie of the saied corporation: By reasone aswell that in the Toune of Gateside parcelle bothe of the possessions of the Bishoprike of Durham, and also of the liberties, and Countie Palantine of Durham aforesaied, nexte adioigning vnto thesaied Hauen toune of Newcastelle on the Southside of thesaied riuer of Tine, doe enhabite, and been from time to time a great nūbre

bze of Carpenters, Colliers, Fiſchers, Mariners, and other handi-craftes menne, whiche by their handiwoozkes gaine, and haue their chiefe, and in maner whole liuing in theſaied toune of Newcaſtelle, where thei dailie commit manifolde enozmities, and diſozdzes, whiche eſcape vnpuniſhed, to a very eiuill exaumple in the hindzaunce of Juſtice, by reaſone that ſoche offendours by repairing into theſaied toune of Gateſide, being without the iuriſdiction of theſaied Hauen toune of Newcaſtel, finde euaſions, & meanes to eſcape the condigne cozrectiõ, & puniſhment of their ſaid miſbehauours: As alſo foz that no ſmal numbze of thinhabitauntes of Gateſide without any reſpect to the conſeruation of the haué of theſaid pozt toune of Newcaſtell being the chief maintenaunce, and vpholde of theſame, dooe caſt into theſaid hauen rubbiſhe, with all the refuſe of their buildinges, beſides thother cleanſing of their houſes, and ſtreates, without any cozrection, oz puniſhment extended vnto thẽ foz theſame, by reaſon that theſaid toune of Gateſide is parcell of theſaid Countie Palantine of Durham, and without the liberties of theſaied hauen toune, as is afozeſaied, without remedie wherof, theſaid hauen ſhould periſhe, and therby the toune ſhoulde be in great ieopardie of ruine, and decaie.

And ferthermoze, fozaſmoche alſo as a part of the bzidge ouer the ſaied riuer of Tine perteining to theſaied toune of Gateſide, is ſo farre in ruine, and decaie foz lacke of reparation, that no Cartes, oz carriages maie be ſuffred to paſſe ouer theſame: Foz remedie whereof and ſundzie other enozmities here not recited: Be it by the kinges Maieſtie our Souuereine lozde, with thaſſentes of the lozdes ſpiritual, and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent parlament aſſembled, and by thaucthozitie of theſame, ozdeined, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that the toune of Gateſide afozeſaied, & all thinhabitauntes of theſame toune that now be, oz herafter ſhalbe, & a parcel of groũde called the ſalt medowes, ioigning to the toune of Gateſide afozeſaid, and harde vpon the riuer there, and the whole water, and bzidge belonging, oz apperteining to theſame Toune of Gateſide, ſhalbe from henſfoozth ſeuered, and diuided from the biſhopzike of Durham, and from the liberties, and Countie Palantine of theſame. And from henſfoozth ſhalbe vnited, and annexed to theſaid toune of Newcaſtel vpon Tine, and to be taken, demed, and adiudged to be within the countie, and ſhire of theſame toune of Newcaſtel vpon Tine, & be reputed, and taken as part, parcell, and membze of theſame Toune of Newcaſtel. And thinhabitauntes of theſame toune of Gateſide ſhal be vnder the rule, gouernment, and cozrection of the Maioz, and burgeſes, as other of thinhabitauntes of theſame toune of Newcaſtell now been, oz of right ought to be, to all Ententes, Conſtructions, and Purpoſes, and that theſaied Maioz of Newcaſtell, and Burgeſes of theſame Towne, and their Succeſſoures from henſ-

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forth euer shal haue the same, & like liberties, fraunchises, priuileges iurisdictions, punishmentes, obedience, & corrections in the said toune of Gateside aforesated, and the medowe called the salt Medowe, and the waters, and bridge belonging to the same toune of Gateside, and of thenhabiters, dwellers, and occupiers of the same, as the said now Maior, and Burgeses hath, or maie lawefullie dooe in al thinges, and to all ententes in the saied toune of Newcastelle.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, ne any thing therin conteined, shal not in any wise extende to take awaie any soche title of commune from the inhabitauntes of the said toune of Gateside, whiche thei haue, or of right ought to haue within the Bishoprike of Durham aforesaied, but that thei, and euery of theim, their Heires, and Successours maie haue, vse, and occupie the same, as thei might haue dooen before the making of this acte and as if this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any thing conteined in this Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that the Maior, and burgeses of Newecastell, and their successours for euer, shal haue towardes the reparations of the Southside of the bridge, their sufficient wood for the reparatiõs of the same bridge, and also for the reparations of the houses of Gateside aforesaid to be taken, and had out of the Woodes of the parke of Gateside, in like maner, and fourme as the saied toune of Gateside, and thinhabitauntes of the same, hath afore time had the same to the same entent, and to be deliuered vnto theim by thassignement of the Lorde, or owner, or his sufficient deputie, or deputies of the said Manour, and parke of gateside aforesaied for the time being, as often as nede shall require the saied bridge to bee repaired by the saied Maior, and Burgeses, and their Successours at the Costes, and charges of the said Maior, and Burgeses, and their successours for euer.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that the Bishop of Durham, & his successours for euer, for al soche thinges as he, or thei shal bue, bring, or carie into the said toune of Newcastel or Gateside, or buie in the, or in any of them for the maintenaunce of their houshold, or familie, shal go free without paiyng any tolle, picage, stallage, wharfage, or other duetie, or custome for the same, in the same toune of Newcastel, & Gateside: sauing to al, & euery perso & persõs, bodies politique, & corporat, their heires, & successors, & to the heires, & successours of euery of the, al soche righte, title, interest, possessiõ, leasses, annuities, rẽtes seruices, reuersiõs, remainders, offices fees, cõmunes, commodities, profites, entrees, conditions, peticions sute, or actiõ, whiche thei now haue, or herafter ought to haue, of, in or to any manours, messuages, landes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamẽtes, liyng, & being vpon the said toune of Gateside, other the the liberties, fraun-

fraunchises, priuileges, iurisdictions, bnitinges, and annexions, punishmentes, obediences, corrections, and interestes belonging to the saied Bishoprike of Durham, or of the Countie Palantine aforesaid heretofore claimed, and bsed within the said toune of Gateside, and in the salt medowe, bridge, & waters aforesaied, & the timbre wood from time to time necessarie to be taken, & had in Gateside parke for the reparations aswell of the said bridge, as also of the houses in Gateside aforesaied, in fourme afore rehearsed, whiche saied toune of Gateside the salt medowe, bridge, and waters aforesaied, together with the abouesaied timbre for the reparations of the said bridge, and houses to be taken in Gateside parke aforesaid, are bnited, & annexed to the said toune of Newcastel bpon Tine, as afore mencioned, in soche like maner, and fourme, as thei, or any of the haue had, should, or might haue had, if this acte had neuer been had, ne made. Any thing in this preset acte conteined to the contrarie therof, in any wise notwithstanding.

The .xi. Chapitre

An Acte for the continuaunce of certeine statutes

Here in the Parlament begonne, & holden at London the thirde date of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread Souereine Lorde, of most famouse memorie, king Henrie theight, and from thens adiourned to Westminstre, and there holden, and continued by diuerse prorogations bnto the dissolution therof, one Acte was made, and established for the restreinght of carriage, and conueighing of horses, & mares out of this realme: And also one other Acte was there made, in the said Parlament, for the true making of cables, halsers, & ropes And also, one other acte was there made, for the true winding of Woolles: And one other Acte was there made to restreigne killing of Wainelinges, Bullockes, Stieres, and heifers, being bnder the age of twoo yeres, whiche saied seueral Actes were then made to endure, and continue bnto the nexte Parlament, as by the same three seuerall Actes more plainlie appeareth. And where also in the same Parlamente one other Acte was made, and established for attaintes to be sued for the punishmente of periurie bpon bntrue veredictes, whiche Actes last before rehearsed were then made, and ordeined to cõtinue and endure to the laste date of the nexte Parlamente, as by the same seueral Actes more plainlie at large is shewed, and mate appeare.

And where also in the Parlament begonne, and holden at Westminster the .viii. date of June in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saied most dreadde Soueraine Lorde, king Henrie the .viii. and there continued, and kept bntill the dissolution therof, it was ordeined, and enacted, that all, and singulare the said actes above remembred, and euery of them, should continue, and endure in their force, and stregth

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and also be obserued, and kept vntill the last date of the next parla-
ment, as by the same acte emongs other thinges therin cõteined, more
plainlie appeareth

And where also in the parlament begõne, and holden at Westmin-
ster the .xxviii. date of Apryll, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our saied
most dread Souuereine lorde king Henrie the .viii. & there continued
vntil the .xviii. date of June then next folowing, it was ordeined, and
enacted by auctoritie of the same parlament that all, and singular the
said seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and al clauses
articles, and prouisions in them, & euery of them cõteined should con-
tinue, and endure in their force, and strength, and also to be obserued,
and kept vntil the last date of the next parlament, as by the same acte
emonges other thinges therin conteined, more plainlie appeareth

And where also in the parlament begõne at Westminster the .xxi.
date of Januarie, in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of our said late sou-
reine lorde, and there cõtinued vntil the first date of Apryll in the .xxiii
yere of our said late Souereine lorde, there was one other acte made
and established concerning buying of Fishe vpon the Sea, as by the-
same acte last recited, more plainlie doeth appeare.

And where in the parlament holden at Westminster, in the .xxv.
yere of the reigne of our most dread Souuerein lorde king Herie the
viii. one acte was made for the preseruation of Woodes, to endure for
vii. yeres then next folowing, and from thens vnto thende of the next
parlament, as by the same acte more plainlie doeth, and maie appeare.

And where also at the parlament holden at Westminster in the
xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said most dread Souereine lorde king
Henrie the eight, and there continued, and kept vntill the dissolution
therof, it was ordeined, and enacted that al, and singular the said Ac-
tes aboue mencioned, and euerie of them, except the said acte made for
the preseruation of wooddes, as is aforesaied, shoulde continue, and
endure in their force, and strength, and also to be obserued, and kepte
vntil the last date of the next parlament, as by the same acte emonges
other thinges therin conteined, more plainlie appeareth.

And where also in the Session of a parlament begõne, & holden at
Westminstre the .xii. date of Nouembre, in the .xii. yere of the reigne of
our souuereine lord the king that now is, one statute made in the par-
lament holde at Westminstre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of king He-
rie the eight, touching vnlawful hunting in any parke, forest, or chace.

And where also one other acte was made in the Session of a parla
ment holde at Westminster in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of the said late
king Herie the eight touching wrõgful taking, killing, or sleaing of any
Diere within any parke, chase, or grounde enclosed, or vsed for Diere
whiche said seuerall actes were by the saied acte made in the said .xiii.
date of Nouembre, in the said .xii. yere of our said Souuereine lorde

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the king that now is, reuiued to continue for.iii. yeres next folowyng, after the first daie of Maie then next ensuyng, as by thesame seuerall actes more plainly dooeth and maie appeare.

And where also at the Session of the Parlament holden at Westminster, the.xiiii. daie of Marche, in the third yere of the reigne of our moste dread Souerein lorde the king that now is, one acte was made for the true coriyng of Leather, and at thesame Parlament, one other acte was made, for the true makyng of Malt: And also one other acte was then, and there made, touchyng the true makyng of leather, whiche.iii. seuerall Actes were made to indure to thende of the next Parlament, as by thesame.iii. seuerall actes more plainly appeareth.

And where also at a Session of a Parlament holden at Westminster the first daie of Februarie, in the.iiii. yere of the reigne of our said Souerein Lorde the king that now is, one other acte was made for the punishment of vnlawfull assemblies, and risynges of the Kinges subiectes: and also one other act was there made, concernyng the repeale of a braunche of thesaid Acte of Parlamēt before mencioned touchyng, and concernyng the buiyng of Tanned Leather: And also one other Acte was then and there made against fond, and phantasticall Prophecies. And also one other acte was then and there made, cōcernyng the buiyng of Roather beastes: And also one other Acte was then and there made, touchyng buiyng and sellyng of butire, & Chese, whiche said seuerall actes were then, and there made to indure, and continue vnto thende of the next Parlament, as by thesame seuerall actes more at large it maie, and dooeth appeare.

And where also at the Session of a Parlament by Prorogacion holdē at Westminster, the.xxiii. daie of Januarie, in the.v. yere of our saied Souerein Lorde the king that now is, one Acte was then, and there made touchyng the prouision, and relief of the poore, to indure to thende of the Session of the next Parlament. And where also at the same Session of Parlament last before mencioned, one other act was then, and there made, against Regratours, and Forestallers, whiche acte was made to indure to thende of the next Parlament: and forasmoche as all, and singular thesaied seuerall Actes aboue mencioned be good, and beneficiall for the Commune wealthe of this Realme: Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and established by the King our souerein Lorde, with thassent of the lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the commons of this present parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that all, and singular thesaid seuerall Actes, and statutes aboue mencioned, or rehearsed, and euery of thē, and also the saied acte, concernyng the preseruacion, and kepyng of Woddes, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteined, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and indure in their force, and strength to all intētes, construccions, & purposes, and shalbe obserued

and kept in all thinges, vntill the last date of the next Parlament.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that the attaindour, or conuiccion of any persone, or persones to be had, or made for any thoffences conteined in thesaied Actes made in the .xxxi. and .xxxii. yeres of our said late Souerein lorde king Henrie the .viii. concernyng huntyng, or killyng of Deare, or Conies, or in either of theim, shall not extende to cause any persone, or persones to lose, or forfaicte any inheritaunce, or Dower, nor to make any corruption of bloud: But that after the death of euery suche offendour, and offendours, the heire, and heires, wife, and wiues of them, and euery of the shall, and maie inherite, and haue their Dowers, and be demed, adiudged, and inabled to haue, and take thesame, in suche maner and fourme, as if no suche attaindour, or conuiccio had been had, or made. This Acte, or thesaid former Actes, or any thing therin conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

¶ The .xii. Chapiter.

An Acte of a Subsidie, and twoo fiftenes, and tenthes, graunted to the kinges maiestie, by the temporaltie.

WE the kinges highnesse moste faithefull and obedient Subiectes, the Lordes and Communes in this present Parlament assembled, considerynge and certainly perceiuyng by diuerse meanes, the earnest good will and purpose, that our said Souerein Lorde hath to preserue, maintein, and continue vs his naturall subiectes, in this moste fortunate peace, wherunto after many stormes, and tempestes of the warres, his Maiestie hath by the goodnesse of God restored vs, dooe also notwithstandyng his maiesties greate care, and politique meanes vsed for the recouery therof, easily perceiue how hard it shalbe for his highnesse, to continue and kepe vs therin, duryng the time of this troublesome state of Christendome, beyng, as it were, lamentably cut, and torne into pieces, and factions of warre, except his highnesse be restored to a further estate and furniture of treasure, mete for the defence of these his realmes, dominions, and subiectes: and like to other princes hauyng suche large realmes, dominiõs and people. The lacke and want wherof (as we knowe) shall chiefly redounde to all our losses, and detrimentes, whiche must be defended and preserued, by the puissaunt power and might of out Souerein Lorde, and head: and not by the multitude of our priuate richesse, and strengthes at home. So also haue we seen of late yeres plainly before our yies, and felt in a greate parte of our sorowfull hartes, the very principall, chief, and first causes of this lacke, duryng the time of the wilfull misgouernaunce of this noble Realme, and other the Kinges

ges dominions, by the late Protectour Duke of Somerset (to whom almightie God graunt his mercie) who first of his insaciate ambicion contrarie to the aduises of all wise and good counsaillours, hauyng gotten into his handes the sole gouernaunce of the moste sacred persone of our Souerein lorde, and consequently the Protectourship of all his highnesse Realmes, and dominions: immediatly to laie a fitte foundacion for his vnhappie, & vnskilfull gouernement, brought the kinges Maiestie (whom he tooke by pretence to gouerne, beyng lefte by his highnesse father of moste famous memorie in tendre yeres, but yet in peace) sodeinly into open hostilitie, and warres against twoo puissaunt realmes at ones, considerying neither the habilitie to begin nor meanes to cõtinue them: wherin folowyng alwaies his awne singularitie by stirryng, and encreasyng of newe querelles, and causes of warre, by vnaduised inuasions, by desperate enterprises, and voiages, by sumptеouse endlesse vain fortifications, bothe in forein realmes, and in the seas, by bringyng into the realme of costlie, and great numbre of straungers men of warre, & soche other innumerable vain deuises, he did not onely exhaust, and vtterly waste the kinges maiesties treasure, and reuenues of his Croune, and of vs his highnesse Subiectes, but also endaungered his Maiesties credite, beyonde the seas, with diuerse straunge Merchauntes, by takyng vp, and borowyng greate summes of monete, growyng from time to time, more and more indurably: whiche gate of miserie beyng so wide opened, we all knowe, and the best parte of vs felte, what a heape of calamities fell vpon all the Realme immediatly, yea, and to this daie, what prestes and memorie therof remaineth, not wholy yet filled vp.

First, the kinges maiesties treasure of all sortes wasted, the greate substaunce of the moneies molted, and altred in base coigne, for the seruyng of the charges of these warres: the lawes, and auncient policie of this noble realme dissolued, & vnioincted, and by example hereof, the estate of Irelande endaungered with factions, and rebellions, wherin no small summes of treasure were also wasted in armies, and fortificacions, parte wherof remain vnto this present daie of necessitie. In the middest of all these miseries, by suffraunce of the saied late Protectour, rose vp a monstreouse, and daungerouse rebellion of the leude numbres, and baser multitude against their heddes. The withstandyng, and happie staigh wherof, although it came through the mercifulnesse of God, by the labour and fortitude of others, woorthie eternall praise, subduyng the headlesse ragyng people in sundrie partes of the realme, deliuеryng vs the kinges Maiesties naturall subiectes, out of our vnnaturall subiecciõ, to him that ruled vs with disorder, and finally restorying the rotall persone of the kinges highnesse to the freedome of his princelie estate, and consequently, to an honourable peace with his enemies: yet could not hetherto the great breache

and ruine of the kinges Maieſties eſtate, touchyng his treaſure, be repaired, or reenforced, whiche conſequently folowed vpō the firſt foundacions broken, although in other poinctes of the decaie (thanked be God) the kinges Maieſties awne meruellouſe intelligence, with the induſtrie of good counſaillours, hath notablie ſupplied, and amended the defaultes. And as theſe former errours broughte his Maieſtie into vtter waſtes of his awne treaſure and richeſſe, into the expenſes of our Subſidies graunted for theſame warres, though nothyng aunſwerable to the expenſes of theſame, finally, into notable and vnmeaſurable charges beyonde the Seas, for prouiſions of monete taken vp in time of warres: So yet to the encreaſe of this former ſoare, wee remembre and perceiue alſo, that there were exceadyng greate charges lefte by the late king of famouſe memorie, by reaſon of his warres, to be diſcharged, aſwell beyonde the Seas towardes ſtraungers, as on this ſide towardes his awne ſubiectes, whiche of their nature beyonde the Seas did for lacke of paumente growe exceſſiuely, beſides the late euidente greate charge, and loſſe ſuſteined by the kinges Maieſtie, for the onely profite of his publique weale, in the reducyng of part of his coigne, from a notable baſeneſſe, to a fine ſtandard by the whiche his Maieſtie lacketh a greate priuate gaine in his mintes, beyng now worthe no reuenue at all, but rather chargeable, and the reſt of whiche coigne, we truſt, he will ſhortelie reduce to like fineneſſe. All whiche thinges, we his Maieſties moſte faithfull, and naturall louyng ſubiectes weighyng with our ſelues, and conſideryng diuerſe greate weightie matiers here vpon dependyng, for the preſeruacion of this auncient noble Imperiall Croune: Albeit wee ſee manifeſtly before our yies, our Souerein Lorde the kinges Maieſtie, diſpoſed of his good nature, rather daiely to diminiſhe the reuenue of his Croune lately augmented by his father, of moſte famouſe memorie, towardes the vnburthenyng of his greate intollerable weightes, and charges lyng, and growyng in ſtraungers handes beyonde the Seas, then to call vpon vs his naturall Subiectes, and people, like as daielie we heare, and knowe, that all other moſte Chriſtian Princes doo in cauſes of leſſe importaunce, and like his Maieſties noble Progenitours haue alwaies dooen in ſoche cauſes hertofore: yet for the preſeruacion of our ſelues, and our poſteritie in this peace and wealthe, wherunto wee haue by the greate charges of our Souerein Lorde been bleſſedly brought: For the maintenaunce, and vpholdyng of the Croune, and dignitie Imperiall of this noble realme in honour, and might againſt all attemptes of forein, and auncient enemies, for the reſtauracion of this decaied houſe of the commune wealth, hauyng ſuffred violacion, and ruine by exile of Juſtice, in the former time of the forſaied euill gouernaunce, for the coumforting and encouragyng of our moſte Chriſtian king, in his bleſſed and famouſe

mouſe purpoſes, and procedynges, to the eſtabliſhyng bothe of true Chriſtian Religion in this his Churche of Englande, and Irelande, and of a Chriſtian Policie, in the Ciuile ſtate of the ſame: And finally for ſome manifeſt demonſtracion of our naturall bounden dueties, and loues towardes our Soueren lorde, and ſupreme head the Kinges moſte excellent Maieſtie, to be in ſome part like, and comparable to the good willes of other ſtraunge people, and Subiectes to their headdes, and Kinges: We dooe offre moſte humbly with our right good, free, and franke willes, this our ſimple gift, beſechyng his highneſſe, to caſt the yies of his minde rather vpon our lowely good true hartes, and good willes, then vpon the ſimpleneſſe, and baſeneſſe of the gift: Offryng therwithall our naturall dueties, obeiſaunce, and allegeaūce to the vttermoſte of our power in bodies, and ſubſtaunce for the maintenaunce of his Maieſties eſtate, and Roiall Croune, vnder the defēce wherof, the ſaufetie of vs all, and our poſteritie conſiſteth. Wherefore we the ſaid Lordes, and Communes, dooe by our mutuall aſſentes, and agrementes with one whole voice, and hartie good will, by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parlament, geue, and graunt to the Kinges highneſſe, towardes his foreſaid greate coſtes, and ineſtimable charges twoo whole Fiftenes, and Tenthes to be had, paied, taken, and leuied of the moueable gooddes, cattalles, and other thinges vſuall to ſoche Fiftenes and Tenthes, to be contributorie, and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Tounes, and other places of this his Realme, in maner and fourme afore time vſed. Except the ſumme of xii. M.li. therof fully to be deducted (that is to ſaie) vi M.l. of either of the ſaid whole Fiftenes, and Tenthes of the ſumme that a Fiftene and Tenthe attaineth vnto, in relief, coumfort, and diſcharge of the poore Tounes, Cities, and Boroughes of this his ſaid Realme waſted, deſolate, and deſtroied, or ouer greatly impoueriſhed, after ſoche rate, as was, and hath afore this time be had, and made vnto euery Shire, and to be diuided in ſoche maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole Fiftene and Tenthe was had, and diuided, and the ſaid twoo whole Fiftenes and Tenthes, the exceptions and deduccions aforeſaid therupon had, deducted, and allowed, to be paied in maner and fourme folowyng (that is to ſaie) the firſt whole Fiftene and Tenthe (except before excepted) to be paied to his highneſſe in the receipt of his Exchequier, at, or before the xxix. daie of June next comyng, and the ſecond whole Fiftene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be paied to his highneſſe at the receipt of his ſaid Exchequier, at, or before the feaſt of ſainct Andrew the Apoſtle, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a.M.v.hundred fiftie and.v.

twoo whole fiftenes and tenthes

And be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that the Knightes elected, and returned, of, and for the Shires within this Realme for

this p̄sent Parlamente, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, and tounes where collectours haue been vsed to be named, and appointcted for the Collection of any fiftene, and tenthe before this time graunted, shall name and appointcte perely, before the sixth daie of Aprill, in either of thesaied twoo peres, sufficient, and hable persones for the Collection of thesaied fiftene, and tenthe, in euery of thesaied Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Tounes: Thesaied persones then hauyng Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, in his, or their awne right of the perely value of ten pou̅des, or in gooddes one hundred markes at the least. And also soche persone, or persones so by them to be named, and appointcted for the Collection of thesaied fiftene and tenthe, shalbe by them seuerally appointcted, and allotted into Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes and Tounes. And thesaied persones so named, and appointcted for the collection of thesame fiftene, and tenthe, shalbe charged, and chargeable vpō his, or their accoumpte, or accoumptes in the Exchequer, to be made, with all suche summe, or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and tounes, where he, or thei shall so happen to be appointcted, amounte vnto, & of no more summe or summes. And vpon the paiment of soche summes of money, as he or thei shalbe charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his *Quietus est*, the non accounptyng, or non paiment of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstandyng. And thesaied Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeses for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, whereunto thei be elected, named, and retourned, shall accordyng to the tenoure of this Acte, certifie euery pere, duryng thesaied twoo peres, before the king in his Chauncerie, yerely, within one moneth next after soche their nominacion, election, and appointcment of thesaied Collectours, the names, and surnames of euery of thesaied Collectours for thesaied fiftene, and tenthe togethers with the place allotted to their collection, and charge, duryng either of thesaied twoo peres, before the sixth daie of Maie in euery of thesame twoo peres: And if defaulte of any soche certifiyng be had, or made in fourme, as is abouesaid, then the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time beyng, shall immediatly after, name, and appointcte Collectours for the Collection of thesame twoo fiftenes, and tenthes, in maner and fourme, as thesaied Knightes of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes should haue dooen, and as afore time haue been vsed: The whiche saied Collectours, and euery of theim, shall haue like allowaunce vpon their accoumptes for their fees, wages, and rewardes for the Collection of thesaied fiftenes, and tenthes, in as large maner, and fourme, as any Collectour, or Collectours of fiftene, and tenthe haue had at any season in time past: And that the batones of the kinges Exchequier for the time beyng, shall, and maie,

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from time to time, awarde ſothe proceſſes for the ſpedie paiment ther-
of, againſt the Collectour, and Collectours of theſame, as by their di-
ſcrecions ſhalbe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by thauctoritie of this preſent Parlament, that theſaid lorde Chauncellour, knightes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeſes, hauyng auctoritie by this acte, to name and nommate theſaid Collectours, of, and for theſaid twoo whole fiftenes and tenthes, and of euery of theim, ſhall vpon their nomination, and election had, and made, take by auctoritie of this preſent Parlamẽt ſufficient Recognisaunces, or by Obligacion of euery perſone ſo by theim to be named, to be bounde to the King in the double ſumme of the ſumme of their collection, and to be endorſed vpon ſothe condicion, that if theſaid Collectour, or Collectours dooe truely content and paie to the vſe of the king, in his receipt of his Exchequier, before the-ſaied ſeuerall daies of paiemente of theſaied fiftenes, and tenthes, ſo moche of the ſumme of money allotted, and appointed to his collec-cion, as he theſame collectour hath collected, and gathered, and dooe likewiſe before theſaid ſeuerall daies of paiment content, and paie to the Kinges vſe at theſame receipte, the reſidue of his Collection and charge, within one Moneth, next after ſothe time as he ſhall haue ga-thered and collected theſame reſidue: that then theſaid recognisaunce, or Obligacion to be voide: Or els to ſtande in his full ſtrength, and vertue. Whiche Recognisaunces, or Obligacion ſo taken, theſaied knightes of the Shires, Citizens, and Burgeſes, and euery of theim, takyng any ſothe Recognisaunce, or Obligacion, ſhall certifie, and deliuer to the lorde Treaſourer, and barones of theſame Exchequier perely, duryng theſaied twoo yeres, before theſaied ſeuerall daies of paiement before limited, and appointed, vpon pein of forfaicture of tenne poundes to the king, for euery Recognisaunce, or Obligaciõ ſo to be taken and not certified.

And that euery ſothe Collectour vpon requeſt to him made, ſhall make and knowelege theſame Recognisaunce, or Obligacion accor-dingly vpon like pein and forfaicture of tenne poundes to the king for his refuſall therof. And that the Treaſourer, or Barones of the Eſchequier vpon the paiment of theſame collection, or at theſaid daie ſhall cancell, and deliuer theſaied Recognisaunce, or Obligacion to theſaid Collectour, or Collectours, without any fee, or rewarde to be paied to any perſone for theſame.

¶ And we theſaied Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Com-munes of this preſent Parlamente aſſembled, right well perceiuyng theſaied twoo whole fiftenes, and tenthes now graunted to his high-neſſe, as is aforeſaied, to extende to a ſmall ſumme of money, and nothing ſufficient to accompliſhe the charges of the kinges moſte Princelie affaires for the defence of vs the kinges moſte louyng ſub-

tectes: We thesaid Lordes and Communes, for the consideracions aforesaid, moste entirely with good harte and minde, doo geue and graunt to the Kinges highnesse, towardes his foresaid greate costes and inestimable charges one entire Subsidie, to cõtinue by the space of twoo yeres, to be rated, tazed, leuied, and paied of euery persone Spirituall, and Temporall of what estate, or degree he, or thei be, (accordyng to the tenour of this Acte) in maner and fourme folowyng (that is to saie) yerely, duryng thesame twoo yeres, aswell of euery persone borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges Dominions: As of all, and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporacion, Misterie, Brotherhod, and Communaltie Corporated or not Corporated within Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges dominions, beyng worth .v. poundes, and vnder .x. poundes for euery pounde, aswell in Coigne, and the value of euery pounde, that euery soche persone, Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporacion, Misterie, Brotherhod, and Communaltie Corporate, or not Corporate, hath of his, or their awne, or any other, to his, or their vse: as also Plate, Stocke of Marchaundises, all maner of Corues, and Blades, Housholde Stuffe, and of al other gooddes moueable, aswell within this realme as without, and of all soche summes of money, as to him, and theim, is, or shalbe owyng, wherof he, or thei trust in his, or their consciences surely to be paied. (Except, & out of the premisses deducted soche summes of money, as he, or thei owe, and in his, or their conscience truely intendeth to paie: and except also the apparell of soche persones, their wiues, and children belongyng to their awne bodies (sauyng Jewelles, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Perle,) viii. d. of, and for euery pound, yerely duryng thesaid twoo yeres. And also of euery persone, borne vnder the Kinges obeisaunce, and all, and euery Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guilde, Misterie, Brotherhod, and Communaltie Corporate, or not Corporate, beyng worth .x. poundes in Gooddes, as is afore specified, and vnder the value of twentie poundes, shall paie yerely duryng thesaid twoo yeres, for euery pounde twelue pence of the pounde. And likewise euery persone borne vnder the Kinges obeisaunce, and euery Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guilde, Misterie, Brotherhode, and Communaltie, Corporate, or not Corporate beyng worth in Gooddes, as is aboue said. xx. poundes, and so vpwardes in Gooddes, as is before said, shall paie yerely, duryng thesaid twoo yeres, sixtene pence, of, and for euery pounde. And also of euery Alien and Straungier borne out of the kinges obeisaunce, aswell Denizen as other inhabityng within this Realme, for euery pounde, that he, or thei haue in Coigne, and the value of euery pounde, in Plate, Corne, Grain, Marchaundise, Housholde Stuffe, or other Gooddes Jewelles, Chattelles Moueable, or vnmoueable, as is aforesaid, aswell within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money to him,

him, or them owyng, wherof he, or thei trust in his, or their conſcience, or conſciences to be paied (excepte and of theſame premiſſes deducted euery ſoche ſumme, or ſummes of monie, whiche he, or thei doo owe, and in his, or their conſcience, or conſciences entende truely to paie) of, and for euery pounde to fiue pounde, eight pence yerely of euery pounde in either of theſaied twoo yeres. And likewiſe, of, and for fiue pounde, and for euery pounde, from fiue poundes to tenne poundes, yerely of euery pounde, duryng theſaied twoo yeres, twelue pence. And of, and for tenne poundes to twentie poundes, yerely of euery pounde, duryng theſaied twoo yeres, eightene pence: And of, and for twentie poundes in gooddes, as is before reheaſed, and ſo vpwardes, of euery pounde, yerely duryng theſaied twoo yeres, twoo ſhillynges. And alſo that euery alien and ſtraunger borne out of the kinges dominions, beyng Denizen, or not Denizen, not beyng contributorie to any of the rates aforeſaied, ſhall paie yerely, duryng theſaied twoo yeres, for euery polle fower pence, and the Maſter, or he, or ſhe, with whom theſame alien is, or ſhalbee abidyng at the time of the yerely taxacion therof, to bee charged with theſame, for lacke of paiement therof.

And bee it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that euery perſone borne vnder the kinges obeiſaunce, and euery Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guilde, Miſterie, Brotherhede, and Communaltie corporate, or not corporate, yerely, duryng theſaid twoo yeres, ſhall paie for euery pounde, that euery theſame perſone, and euery corporacion, Fraternitie, Guilde, Miſterie, Brotherhed, and communaltie corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his, or their vſe, hath in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeres by execucion, wardſhippe or by Copie of Courterolle, of, and in any Honours, Caſtelles, Manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, ſeruices, hereditamentes, annuities fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of twentie ſhillynges, aſwell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, as elſwhere, and ſo vpwarde, twoo ſhillynges, of, and for euery poũde, duryng either of theſaid twoo yeres. And euery alien borne out of the kinges obeiſaunce, in ſoche caſe, to paie yerely, duryng theſaied twoo yeres, three ſhillynges, of euery pounde. And that al ſummes preſented, and chargeable by this Acte, either for gooddes, and debtes, or for landes, and tenementes, and the other premiſſes, as is in this acte conteined, and beyng no ful pounde, ſhalbe yerely, duryng theſaied twoo yeres, rated, ſette, and taxed after the rate, and portion therof, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte (landes, and tenementes chargeable to the Diſme of the Clergie, and yerely wages due to ſeruauntes for their yerely ſeruice, other then the Kinges Seruauntes taking yerely wages of fiue poundes, or aboue, onely excepted and forepriſed.) And that all plate, coigne, Jewelles, goodes,

des,debtes, and cattalles personalles, beyng in the rule and custodie of any persone,or persones,to the vse of any corporacion, fraternitie, guilde,misterie,brotherhede,or any communaltie,beyng corporate,or not corporate,be,and shalbe rated, set,and charged,by reason of this Acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificat to bee sworne,of euery poũde in gooddes,and debtes,as is abouesaid: And of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies,or other perelle profites,as is abouesaied: and the summes that are before rehearsed,set,and taxed,to be leuied,and taken of them that shall haue soche gooddes in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes,as is before rehearsed:and thesame persone, or persones, and bodie corporate,by thauctoritie of this acte,shalbe discharged against him,or them,that shall, or ought to haue thesame at the time of the payment, or deliuerie therof,or at his otherwise departure from the custodie,or possession of thesame. Except,and alwaies foreprised from the charge, and assessement of this Subsidie,all gooddes,cattalles,iewelles,and ornamentes of churches,and Chapelles,whiche haue been ordeined, and vsed in Churches,or Chapelles,for the honour and seruice of almightie God. And thesaied Subsidie shalbe by thauctoritie abouesaied,taxed,assessed,and rated accordyng to this acte,in euery Shire Ridyng,Lathe,Wapentake,Rape,citie,borough, toune, and euery other place within this realme of Englande, and Wales,and other the kinges dominions,before the last date of October perelie,durying thesame twoo yeres:And the particular summes of euery Shire,Ridyng,borough,toune, and other places aforesaied,with the particular names of soche,as are chargeable of,and to thesaied Subsidie,to bee taxed,and sette by Commissioners to thesame limited, or twoo of them at the least,with the names of the high Collectours:And in the same fourme shalbee certified yerelie, durying thesaied twoo yeres,in the kinges Exchequier,before the.xxviii. date of Nouembre,with the names of the high Collectours of thesame: And thesaied summes,in manet and fourme aforesaied,taxed,shalbe yerelie paied into the kinges receipte of his Exchequier aforesaied,to the vse of our said Souerein Lorde, in euery of thesaied twoo yeres, before the.xiiii. date of Februarie,durying thesaied twoo yeres,and the summes abouesaied of,and for thesaied Subsidie,shalbe taxed,sette,asked,and demaunded,taken, gathered, leuied, and paied vnto the vse of our saied Souerein Lorde,his heires, and successoures, in fourme aboue saied,aswell within the liberties fraunchises,sanctuaries,auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place exempte,or not exempte,as without. Excepte soche Shires,places,and persones,as shalbe foreprised,in,and by this presente acte,any graunte,charter,prescripcion,vse,or libertie by reason of any Lettres Patentes,or other Priuilege, prescripcion, allowaunce of thesame,or whatsoeuer other matier of discharge beretofore

tofore to the contrarie made, graunted, vsed, or obteined, notwithstandyng.

And it is ferther enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parlamẽt, that euery soche persone, aswell soche as be borne vnder the kinges obeisaunce: as euery other persone straunger borne, denizen, or not denizen, enhabityng within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the kinges dominions, whiche at the time of thesated assessyng or taxatiõ yerely to be had, or made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales and haue gooddes, or cattalles, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged, and chargeable for thesame, by the certificate of thinhabitauntes of the parties, where soche gooddes, cattalles, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbee, or in soche other place where soche persone, or his factour, deputie, or attourney shall haue his moste resorte vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if thesame persone were, or had been at the time of thesame assessyng within this Realme. And that euery persone abidyng, or dwellyng within this realme, or without this realme, shalbe charged, or chargeable to thesame Subsidie graũted by this acte, accordyng and after the rate of soche yerely substaunce, or value of landes, and tenementes, gooddes, cattalles, and other the premisses, as euery persone so to be charged, shalbe sette at, in the time of thesated assessyng, or taxation vpon him to be made, and in none other wise.

And ferthermore bee it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that for the assessyng, and ordryng of thesaid Subsidie to bee duely had, the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, the Lorde Treasorer of Englande, the Lorde Presidente of the kinges moste honourable counsaill, and the lorde Priuie Seale for the time beyng, or twoo of theim at the least, wherof the lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time beeyng, to bee one of theim, shall, and maie name, and appoincte, of, and for euery Shire, and Ridyng, and other places, aswell within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the kinges dominions, and also of, and for euery citie, and toune beyng a Countie in it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, soche certain numbre of persones of euery of thesame Shires, Ridynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, cities, tounes, and Isle of Wighte, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of thesame, to bee Commissioners within thesame, wherof thei bee enhabitauntes. And also of, and for the honourable householde of the king our souerein Lorde, the Ladie Marie, and the Ladie Elizabethes graces the kinges Maiesties sisters, and the Ladie Anne of Cleaues, in what Shires, or other places thesaied households shall happen then to bee: And the lorde Chauncellour, and other with him before named in like maner maie name, and appoincte of euery other soche borough, and toune corporate, aswell in Englande,

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as in Wales, and other the kinges Dominions, as thei shall thinke requisite, sixe, fiue, fower, three, or twoo of the head officers, and other sad, and honest inhabitauntes of euery of the said Cities, Boroughes, and Townes Corporate, accordyng to the numbre, and multitude of people beyng in the same. The whiche persones, if any soche be therunto named of the said inhabitauntes of the said Boroughes, and Townes Corporate, not beyng Counties in theimselues, shalbe sworne and putte in, as Commissioners, with the persones named for sothe Shires, and Ridynges, as the said Boroughes, and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties in thē selues be set, and haue their beyng, whiche persones so named, for, and of the said Boroughes, and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shall not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of their commission in execucion for the premisses, out of the said Borough, or Toune corporate, wherin thei beyng so named onely for the same, be dwellyng. And also not to execute the said commission, within the borough, or toune corporate, where thei be so dwellyng, at soche daies, and times, as the said other commissioners for the same Shire, and Ridyng, shall therunto limite, and appoinct within the same Borough, or Toune corporate, not beyng Cōtie corporate, wherof thei so be, and not out of soche Borough, or Toune: and in that maner to be aidyng and assistyng, with the said other commissioners, in, and for the good executyng of the effect of the said commission, vpon pein of euery of the said Commissioners so named, for euery soche Citie, Borough, and toune corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make soche fine, as the said other commissioners in the commission, of, and for the said Shire, or Ridyng so named, or. iii. of them at the least, shall by their discrecions set, and certifie into the kinges Exchequier, there to be leuied to thuse of our Souerein lorde the king, in like maner, as soche or like summes had been set, and rated vpon euery soche persone, for the said Subsidie. The whiche cōmissioners so named, of, and for the said Cities, Boroughes, and Townes not beyng Counties, and onely put in the said Commission, by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shal not haue any part of the porcion of the fees, and rewardes for the Commissioners, and their Clerkes, in this Acte afterward specified: and the lorde Chauncellour of England, or keper of the kinges great Seale, for the time beyng, shall make, and directe out of the Courte of Chauncerie, vnder the kinges greate Seale, seuerall Commissiones (that is to sate) to euery Shire, Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Toune, Borough, Ile, and Housholde vnto soche persone and persones, as by his discrecion, and other with him afore named, and appoincted, in like maner and fourme, as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for the sessyng, and leuyng of the said Subsidie, in al Shires and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this

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Acte: whiche Commission shalbe directed, and deliuered to thesaied Commissioners, or to one of them before the first daie of September, yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres. And to euery of thesaied commissioners tenne Cedules conteining in them the tenour of this acte, shalbe affiled, by the whiche commission the Commissioners in euery suche commission named according to this Acte, and as many of them, as shalbe appointed by thesame commission, shall haue full power, and authoritie to putte the effecte of thesame Commission in execution.

And that by authoritie of this Acte after suche Commission to them directed, yerelie during thesaied twoo yeres, thei maie by their assentes, and agrementes, seuer them selues for the execution of their commission in hundredes, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, tounes, parishes, and other places within the limites of their saied commission, in suche fourme, as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordred, and betwene them to be communed, and agreed according to the tenour, and effecte of the commission to them therin directed, vpon whiche seueraunce, euery persone of this present Parlament, that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundred wherin he dwelleth.

Prouided alwaies that no persone be, or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth, and inhabiteth: and that any persone being assigned to the contrarie therof, in any wise, shall not be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or any parte therof.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parlament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limited, and appointed according to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Toune, Borough, Isle, and thesaied houcholdes, or any other place, and none other, shal truelie, effectuallie, and diligētlie for their parte, execute the effecte of this presente Acte, according to the tenour therof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to bee attempted, and dooen by them, or any of them to the contrarie hereof. And thesaied commissioners, and as many of them, as shalbe appointed by thesaied commission, and none other, for therecution of thesaied commission, and acte, shall yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, before the .xiii. daie of September by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them, in fourme abouesaied, directe their seuerall, or ioincte precepte vnto eight, seuen, fiue, fiue, fower, or three, or mo, as for the numbre of thinhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the moste substaunciall, discrete, and honest persones inhabitaūtes to be

named by thesaied commissioners, or by as many of thē as shalbe appointed by thesaied commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Tounes, and other places, aswell within liberties, Fraunchesies, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limites of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Tounes, Boroughes, or Ile aforesaied, and other places within the limites of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, and other like officers, or ministers of euery of thesaied Hundredes, Tounes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, parishes, and other places beforesaied, as to thesaied Commissioners, and euery numbre of thē vnto three of them by their discrecion in diuision, shal seme expediēt, as by the maner, and vse of that parties shalbe requisite, streightlie by thesame precepte charging, and commaunding thesame inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforesaied, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their propre persones before thesaied Commissioners, or suche numbre of them, as thei shall diuide themselues, according to the tenour of thesaied Commission, at certaine daies, and places by thesaied cōmissioners, or any numbre of them, as is abouesaied, within Cities, Boroughes, or tounes corporate, or without in any other place, as is aforesaied, by their discrecions shalbe limited therunto to dooe, and accomplishe all that to thē on the partie of our Souuereine lorde the king shalbe enioigned touching this acte: commaunding ferther by the same precept, that he, to whose handes suche precept shal come, shal shewe, or deliuer thesame to the other inhabitaūtes, or officers named in thesame precepte. And that none of them faile to accomplishe thesame, vpon peine of .xl.li. to be forfaicted to the king.

And it is ferther ordeined by the aucthoritie of this Parlament, that thesaied daie, and place prefixed and limited in thesaied preceptes, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absente, shall at thesaied daie and place prefixed for that parte, wherunto he was limitted, appeare in his propre persone. And there thesame Commissioners being present, or as many as shalbe appointed by the kinges Commission, shall call, or cause to bee called before them thesaied inhabitauntes, and officers, to whom thei haue directed their saied preceptes, and whiche had in commaundemēt there to appeare by thesaied precept of thesaied Commissioners: and if any persone so warned make default, onlesse he then be letted by sicknesse, or laweful excuse, and that lette then to be witnessed by the othes of twoo credible persones, or if any appearing refuse to be sworne, in fourme folowing, to forfaict to the king .xl.li. And so at euery time, during thesaied twoo yeres, prefixed for thesame cause, vnto suche time the nūbre of euery suche

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perſones haue appeared, and certified, in fourme vnderwriten: And euery of them ſo making defaulte, or refuſing to be ſworne, to forfaicte to the king.xl.ſ. and vpon theſame apparaunce had, one of the moſte ſubſtaunciall inhabitauntes, or officer ſo being warned, and appearing before theſaied Commiſſioners ſhalbe ſworne yerelie, during theſaied twoo yeres, vpon a booke openlie before the Commiſſioners, in fourme folowing.

I ſhal truelie enquire with my fellowes that ſhalbe charged with me, of the Hundrede, Wapentake, Warde, Toune, or other place of the beſt, and moſte value of the ſubſtaunce of euery perſone dwelling, and abiding within the limites of the places, that I and my fellowes ſhalbe charged with, and of other whiche ſhall haue his, or their moſte reſorte vnto any of theſaied places, and chargeable with any ſumme of monete, by this Acte of this ſaied Subſidie, and of all other Articles that I ſhalbe charged with, touching theſaied acte, and according to the entent of theſame: And therupon, as nere as it maie, or ſhall come to my knowelege, truelie to preſente, and certifie before you, the names, Surnames, and the beſt and vttermoſte ſubſtaunce, and values of euery of them, aſwell of Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, Poſſeſſions, and profeictes, as of Gooddes, Cattalles, debtes, and other thinges chargeable by theſaied Acte, without any concelement, fauoure, loue, affection, dreade, feare, or malice, ſo helpe me God, and the holie contentes of this Booke.

And euery other perſone that ſhall appeare there yerelie by theſaied preceptes, ſhall make like othe: and vpon the othe ſo take, as is aforeſaied, by thinhabitauntes, and Officers of euery Hundrede, Warde, Wapentake, Toune, or other place, theſaied Commiſſioners ſhall yerelie, openlie there reade, or cauſe to be reade vnto them theſaied rates, and openlie declare the effecte of their charge vnto them in what maner and fourme, thei ought, and ſhoulde make their certificates, according to the rates, and ſummes therof aboueſaied, and of all maner of perſones, aſwell of aliens and ſtraungers, Denizens, or not Denizens inhabited within this Realme, as of ſuche perſones as bee borne within the Kinges obeiſaunce chargeable to this Acte, and of the poſſeſſions, gooddes, and Cattalles of Fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherhoddes, miſteries, and communalties, and other, as is aboueſaied, and of perſones being in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauing gooddes or cattalles, landes, or Tenementes within this Realme, as is beforeſaied: And of all gooddes being in the cuſtodie to the vſe of any other, as is aboueſaied, by the whiche informatiõ, and ſhewing, theſaied perſones ſhal haue ſuche plaine knowelege of the true entent of this preſent Acte, and of the maner of their certificat, that theſame perſones ſhoulde

haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after suche othes, and the Statute of thesaied Subsidie, and the maner of thesaied certificat to be made in writing conteining the names, and Surnames of euery persone, and whether he be borne without the Kinges obeisaunce, or within, and the best value of euery persone in euery degree, aswel of yerelie value of landes, and tenementes, and of suche like possessiõs, and profeictes, as the value of goodes, and Cattalles, debtes, and euery thing to their saied certificat requisite and necessarie to them declared, thesaied cõmissioners there being, shall by their discrecions appoincte, and limite vnto thesaied persones another daie, and place to appeare afore thesaied commissioners. And charging thesaied persones, that thei in the meane time shall make diligent inquirie, by al waies and meanes, of the premisses. And then and there euery of them, vpon peine of forfaicture of xl.s. to the King, to appeare at thesaied newe prefixed daie, and place there to certifie vnto thesaied Commissioners in writing, according to their saied charge, and according to the true intente of thesaied graunt of Subsidie, and as to them, in maner aforesaied, hath been declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At whiche daie, and place so to them prefixed, if any of thesaied persones make default, or appeare and refuse to make thesaied certificat: that then euery of them so offending, to forfaicte to the King. xl.s. except onely a reasonable excuse for his default by reason of sickneesse, or otherwise, by the othes of twoo credible persones there witnessed, be hadde. And of suche as appeare readie to make certificat, as is aforesaied, thesaied Commissioners there being shal take, and receiue thesame certificat, and euery parte therof: And the names, values, and substaunce of euery persone so certified. And if thesame Commissioners see cause reasonable, thei shall examine thesaied Presenters therof and therupon thesaied Commissioners, at thesaied daies and place, by their agremente emong them selues, shall yerelie during thesaied twoo yeres, openlie there prefixe a daie at a certaine place, or places within the limites of their Commission, by their discrecion, for their ferther proceding to thesaied Assessing of thesame Subsidie. And therupon, at thesaied daie of thesaied Certificat, as is beforesaied taken, thesame Commissioners shall make their precepte, or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, or other Officers of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Tounes, or other places aforesaied, as thesame Commissioners shall bee of, comprising and conteining in thesame Precepte the names, and Surnames of all persones presented before them in thesaied certificat, of whom, if thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe thereunto appointed by the Kinges Commission, shall then haue vehemente suspecte to bee of more greater value, or Substaunce

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in landes,gooddes,Cattalles,or ſummes of moneie owing to them or other ſubſtaunce beforeſaied, then vpon ſuche perſone, or perſones ſhalbe certified: Theſame Commiſſioners ſhal make their precepte or preceptes directed to the Conſtable, Bailifes,or other officers,commaundyng theſame Conſtables,Bailifes,or other officers, to whom ſuche precepte ſhalbe directed, to warne ſuche perſones, whoſe names ſhalbe compriſed in theſaied precepte, at their manſions,or to their perſones,that theſame perſones named in ſuche preceptes,and euery of them, ſhall perſonallie appeare before theſaied Commiſſioners at theſame newe prefixed daie,and place,there to be ſworne, and examined by all waies and meanes by theſaied Commiſſioners,of their greateſt ſubſtaunce and beſt value,and of al and euery ſummes of moneie owing to them,and other whatſoeuer matier concerning the premiſſes,or any of them,according to this acte. At whiche daie and place ſo prefixed, theſaied Commiſſioners then there being, or as many of them, as ſhalbe therunto appointed by the Kinges Commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to be called theſaied perſones, whoſe names ſhalbe compriſed in theſaied precepte, as is beforeſaied,for their examinatiõ. And if any of thoſe perſones whiche ſhoulde be warned, as is beforeſaied, to be examined, whiche at any time after the warning,and before the prefixed daie, ſhalbe within ſuche place, where he maie haue knowelege of his ſaied apparaunce to be made, make defaulte, and appeare not, oneleſſe a reaſonable cauſe, or els a reaſonable excuſe, by the othes of twoo credible perſones, before theſaied Commiſſioners be truelie alleged for his diſcharge: That then euery of them,ſo making defaulte, to be tared and charged to the King,with and at the double ſummes of the rate,that he ſhoulde, or ought to haue been ſette at,for, and after the beſt value of his Landes, or ſubſtaunce vpon him certified, if he hadde appeared,by the diſcrecion of the Commiſſioners there being. And in like maner, if any of them ſuſpected, as is beforeſaied, appeare, and refuſe to bee ſworne, in fourme folowing: Then euery ſuche offendour to bee tared and charged to the King, with, and at the double ſumme of the rate, that he ſhoulde, or ought to haue been ſette at,for, and after the beſt value of his ſubſtaunce vpon him certified by theſaied perſones that made the certificat, as is beforeſaied, by the diſcrections of theſaied Commiſſioners there then being. And euery of the perſones ſo then and there appearing,whoſe names ſhal be expreſſed in theſaied precepte, or preceptes,and in whom any behement ſuſpecte was, or ſhalbe hadde, in fourme abouеſaied, ſhall trauaile with theſame perſone ſo ſuſpecte, by all ſuche waies and meanes thei can. And ferther theſaied Commiſſioners, or as many of them, as ſhalbe hereunto appointed by theſaied commiſſion, by their diſcrections,ſhal openlie ſweare theſame perſone in this maner

and fourme folowing.

I Shall faithfullie, truelie, and plainelie, accoꝛding to my knowelege, shewe vnto you the Kinges Commissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greatest value, oꝛ aboue, of al mine yerelie pꝛofeictes in landes, tenementes, rentes, oꝛ suche other like possessions, yerelie pꝛofite, and fee, and the best and greatest value of all my gooddes, and cattalles, and summes of moneie to me owing, accoꝛding to the graunt of this acte and Subsidie, and truelie aunswere to that I shalbe examined of, touching the pꝛemisses, without couine oꝛ deceipte: so helpe me God, and the holie contentes of this Booke.

And if any persone that shoulde appeare, be excused, in fourme afoꝛesaied, by witnesse of credible persones, thesame persones shalbe examined by their othes, of his, oꝛ their greatest and best value and substaunce so lacking, and excused, and by the best of their certificat, oꝛ knowelege, oꝛ of thother firste certificat vpon him, oꝛ them made, thesame persone so lacking and excused of his apparaunce, to bee sette and rated by thesaied Commissioners, oꝛ otherwise to be sette and rated in this case, as shall seme best by the discrecions of thesaied Commissioners. And if it happen to bee pꝛoued by witnesse, his owne confession, oꝛ other lawefull waies, oꝛ meanes, within one yere after any suche othe made, that thesame persone so taxed, and swoꝛne, was of any greater, oꝛ better value in landes, gooddes, oꝛ other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his saied othe, thē thesame persone so swoꝛne did declare vpon his othe. That then suche persone so offending, shall loose and foꝛfaicte to the king, fowꝛe times so muche in lawefull moneie of Englande, as thesame persone so swoꝛne, was sette, and taxed at to paie foꝛ thesaied Subsidie.

And that euery Spirituall persone, during thesaied twoo yeres, shalbe rated and sette, accoꝛding to the rate abouesaied, of, and foꝛ euery pounde, that thesame Spirituall persone, oꝛ any other to his vse hath by discent, Bargaine, oꝛ Purchace in fee simple, Fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, oꝛ by Copie of courte rolle in any Manours, landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, Fees, Coꝛrodies, Annuities, oꝛ Hereditamentes, after the true, iust, and yerelie value therof, after and accoꝛding as other the kinges subiectes bozne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembꝛed: So that it extende to the yerelie value, of .xx. s̄. oꝛ aboue.

And if any persone certified, oꝛ rated, by vertue of this acte, be he Commissioner oꝛ other, to any maner of value, dooeth finde him selfe greued with thesame pꝛesentment, sessing, oꝛ taxing, and therupon complaine to the commissioners, befoꝛe whom he shalbe rated, sessed, oꝛ taxed, oꝛ befoꝛe twoo of them: That then thesaied commissioners

ſioners, ſhall by al waies and meanes examine particularlie and diſtinctlie, the perſone ſo complainaunt, and other his neighbours, by their diſcrecion, of euery his landes, and Tenementes aboue ſpecified, and of euery his gooddes, cattalles, and debtes aboue mencioned, and after due examinacion, and perfeicte knowelege therof had, and perceiued by theſaied Commiſſioners whiche ſhall haue power by aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſaied, theſaied Commiſſioners oꝛ twoo of them to whom any ſuche complainte ſhalbe made, by their diſcrections, vpon the othe of theſaied perſone ſo cõplaining maie abate, defalke, encreaſe, oꝛ enlarge theſame aſſeſſement, accoꝛding as it ſhall appeare to them iuſt vpon theſame examination: and theſame ſumme ſo abated, defalked, encreaſed, oꝛ enlarged to be ſtreated in fourme as hereafter enſueth, ſo that he cometh beſoꝛe the eſtreates of theſame aſſeſſing be deliuered by theſaied Commiſſioners into the kinges Eſchequier. And if it be pꝛoued by witneſſe, his owne confeſſion, oꝛ other laweful waies oꝛ meanes, within a yere after any ſuche othe made, that theſame perſone ſo taxed and ſwoꝛne, was any better oꝛ greater value in landes, gooddes, oꝛ other thinges aboue ſpecified, at the time of his ſaied othe, then theſame perſone ſo ſwoꝛne did declare vpon his ſaied othe: that then euery ſuche perſone ſo offending, ſhall looſe and foꝛfaicte to the king foure times ſo muche in laweful moneie of Englande, as theſame perſone ſo ſwoꝛne was ſet at, oꝛ taxed to paie. And al perſones ſet, rated, and tared, as is afoꝛeſaied, ſhalbe bounde and charged by theſame, and the ſumme oꝛ ſummes vpon him ſette, to be due towardes the paiement of theſaied Subſidie, and to be leuied as hereafter ſhalbe ſpecified.

And it is alſo enacted by theſaied aucthoꝛitie, that euery perſone yerelie during theſaied twoo yeres (as is afoꝛeſaied) ſhalbe rated, taxed, and ſet, and the ſumme on him ſet, to be leuied at ſuche place where he, and his familie, at the time of theſame pꝛeſentement to be made, ſhall kepe his houſe, oꝛ dwelling, oꝛ where he then ſhall be moſte conuerſaunt, abiding, oꝛ reſiant: oꝛ ſhal haue his moſte reſoꝛt, and ſhalbe beſt knowen at the time of theſaied certificat to be made and no where els. And that no commiſſioner foꝛ this Subſidie, ſhal be rated oꝛ taxed, foꝛ his gooddes oꝛ landes, but in the Shire oꝛ other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner. And that if any perſone chargeable to this Acte, the time of theſaied aſſeſſing, happen to be out of this realme, and out of Wales, oꝛ ferre frõ the place where he ſhalbe knowen, then he to be ſet where he was laſt abiding in this realme, oꝛ withm Wales, and beſt knowen, and after the ſubſtaunce, value and other pꝛofeictes of euery perſone knowē by theraminacion, certificat, and other maner of wiſe, as is afoꝛeſaied. Theſaied Commiſſioners, oꝛ as many of them, as ſhalbe appointed by the kinges Commiſſion, ſhall after the rate afoꝛeſaied ſette, and fare

euery perſone accoꝛding to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, gooddes, and other pꝛofeictes, wherby the greateſt and moſte beſt ſumme accoꝛding to his moſte ſubſtaũce by reaſon of this acte might, oꝛ maie be ſette, oꝛ taxed.

Pꝛouided alwaies, that euery ſuche perſone whiche ſhalbe ſette oꝛ taxed foꝛ paiemẽt of, and to this Subſidie, foꝛ, and after the pereꝛlie value of his landes, tenementes, oꝛ other reall poſſeſſions, oꝛ pꝛofeictes in any of theſaied twoo yeres, ſhal not be ſette, and taxed foꝛ his gooddes, and cattalles, oꝛ other moueable ſubſtaunce in theſame yere. And he that ſhalbe charged, oꝛ taxed foꝛ theſame Subſidie, foꝛ his gooddes, cattalles and other moueables in any of theſaied twoo yeres, ſhall not be charged, taxed, oꝛ chargeable foꝛ his landes, oꝛ other real poſſeſſions, and pꝛofeictes abouеſaied in theſame yere: noꝛ that any perſone be double charged foꝛ theſaied Subſidie, neither ſette, oꝛ taxed at ſeueral places by reaſon of this acte, any thing conteined in this pꝛeſent acte notwithſtanding.

And that it bee oꝛdeined by theſaied aucthoꝛitie of this pꝛeſent Pꝛliamente, that no perſone hauing twoo manſions, oꝛ twoo places to reſoꝛte vnto, oꝛ calling himſelfe houſholde ſeruaunt, oꝛ waiting ſeruaunt to the kinges highneſſe, oꝛ other Loꝛde, oꝛ Ladie, maiſter oꝛ Maiſtreſſe bee excuſed vpon his ſaiyng from the taxe of theſaied Subſidie in neither of the places where he maie be ſette, onleſſe he bꝛing a certificat in wꝛitng from the Commiſſioners, where that he is ſo ſette in deede at one place. And if any other then Commiſſioner happen to bee ſette in twoo places, vpon certificat therof made, the beſt, and moſte ſumme vpon him ſo taxed, to be taken and abide, and thother to be diſcharged: ſo that theſame certificat of his aſſeſſinges, and paiemẽt to be made therof in wꝛiting vnder the ſeales of the Commiſſioners, oꝛ of as many of them, as ſhalbe appoincted by the kinges Commiſſion: whiche certificat ſo made, ſhalbe at al times a ſufficient diſcharge foꝛ him and the collectour of theſame, aſwell againſt any Collectour that ſhall demaunde theſame vpon him rated oꝛ taxed, as againſt the king and all other perſones.

And if any perſone that ought to bee ſette, by reaſon of his remouing oꝛ reſoꝛting to twoo places, oꝛ by reaſon of his ſaiyng, that he elſwhere was taxed, oꝛ by reaſon of any pꝛiuilege, by his dwelling oꝛ abiding in any place, not being foꝛpꝛiſed in this Acte, oꝛ any otherwiſe by his couine, oꝛ crafte, happen to eſcape from the pereꝛlie aſſeſſing, and be not ſette, and that pꝛoued by pꝛeſentment, examination, oꝛ infoꝛmacion beſoꝛe theſaied Commiſſioners, oꝛ as many of them as ſhalbe by theſame Commiſſion appoincted, oꝛ by the Baꝛones of the kinges Eſchequier, oꝛ twoo Iuſtices of the Peace of the Countie where ſuche perſone dwelleth: then euery ſuche perſone that by ſuche meanes, oꝛ otherwiſe willinglie by couine, ſhall happen

pen to eſcape from the aſſeſſing of theſaied Subſidie, or of any of them, and not be Rated, Taxed, and Sette, ſhalbe charged vpon the knowelege and proufe therof, with, and at the double value that he ſhoulde, or ought to haue been Sette at afore, accoꝛding to his behauiour: Theſame double value to be leuied, gathered, and paied of his gooddes, and Cattalles, Landes, and Tenementes, towardes theſaied Subſidie: And ferther to be puniſhed, accoꝛding to the diſcrecions of the Barones, Juſtices, or Commiſſioners, befoꝛe whom he ſhalbe conuicted foꝛ his offence and deceipte in that behalfe.

And ferther be it enacted by the aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſaied, that theſaied commiſſioners of euery commiſſion, ſhal accoꝛding to their diuiſions, and after thei be diuided, haue full power and aucthoꝛitie by this acte, to ſet, taxe, and ſeſſe euery other Commiſſioner ioigned with them, in euery ſuche commiſſion, and diuiſion, and ſhal alſo aſſeſſe euery aſſeſſour within their diuiſion, foꝛ his, and their gooddes, landes, and other pꝛemiſſes, as is abouеſaied: by the whiche ſaied commiſſion, theſaied commiſſioners ſhal indifferentlie, ſet, taxe, and ſeſſe thẽ ſelfes, and theſaied aſſeſſours. And that aſwell the ſummes vpon euery of theſaied cõmiſſioners, and aſſeſſours ſo ſeſſed, rated, and taxed, as the ſummes made, and pꝛeſented by the Pꝛeſentours ſwoꝛne, as is abouеſaied, ſhalbe wꝛiten, certified, ſet, & eſtreated, and the eſtreates therof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties within the limites of theſame cõmiſſion, and diuiſion, and ſo to be gathered, and leuied in like maner, as it ought, oꝛ ſhoulde haue been, if theſaied Commiſſioner had not been in theſaied commiſſion. And that al perſones of theſtate of a Baron, oꝛ baroneſſe, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhalbe charged with their free holde, and values, as is afoꝛeſaied, befoꝛe the Chauncellour, Treaſourer of Englande, loꝛde Pꝛeſident of the kinges pꝛiuie counſaill, and loꝛde pꝛiuie Seale foꝛ the time being, oꝛ other perſones by the kinges auctoꝛitie to be limited, and thei to be charged yerelie, during theſaied twoo yeres, after the fourme of theſaied graunt, accoꝛding to the taxacion afoꝛeſaied, and the ſummes vpon thẽ ſet, with the names of the collectours appoincted foꝛ the gathering, and paiyng of theſame, to be extreated deliuered, and certified, at daies & places aboue ſpecified, by the loꝛde Chauncellour, Treaſourer, loꝛde Pꝛeſidẽt of the counſaill, and loꝛde pꝛiuie Seale, foꝛ the time being, oꝛ ſuche other perſones as ſhalbe limited by the kinges highneſſe, and after the taxes, and aſſeſſes of the ſaied ſummes, vpon, and by theſaied aſſeſſing, and certificat, as is afoꝛeſaied, made, theſaied cõmiſſioners, oꝛ as many of them, as ſhalbe therunto appoincted by the kinges cõmiſſion, befoꝛe the firſt date of Decembꝛe, during theſaied .ii. yeres, by the wꝛiting extreated of the ſaied taxe therof vnder the ſeale, & ſignes manuel of theſaied cõmiſſioners

ſioners, or of as many of them, as ſhalbe appoincted, at the leaſt, to be made, ſhalbe deliuered vnto ſufficient and ſubſtaunciall inhabitauntes, Conſtables, Subconſtables, Bailifes, and other Officers iointlie of Hundredes, Tounes, Parithes, and other places aforeſaied within their limites, or to other ſufficient perſones inhabitauntes of theſame, onely by the diſcrecion of theſame Commiſſioners, and as the place and parties ſhall require, aſwell the particular names and Surnames, as the remembraunce of all ſummes of monete taxed and ſette, of, and vpon euery perſone, aſwell man as woman, chargeable to this acte, houſholder, and all other inhabitauntes, and dwellers within theſaied pariſhe, Tounes, and places, contributorie to this Acte of Subſidie, by aucthoritie of whiche writing, or eſtreate ſo deliuered, theſaied Officers, or other perſones ſo named and deputed ſeuerallie, ſhal haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte immediatlie after the deliuerie of theſaied writing, or eſtreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery perſone therin ſpecified, the ſumme, or ſūmes in theſame writing, or eſtreate compriſed: and for none paiement therof, to diſtreigne theſame perſone, or perſones ſo being behinde, by their gooddes, and Cattalles, and the diſtreſſes ſo taken, to kepe by the ſpace of .viii. daies, at the coſtes and charges of the owner therof: and if theſaied owner dooe not paie ſuche ſumme of monete, as ſhalbe taxed by this acte, within theſame .viii. daies, then theſaied diſtreſſe to be appraiſed by .iiii. iii. or .ii. of the inhabitauntes, where ſuche diſtreſſe is taken, and alſo to be ſolde by theſaied Conſtable, and other Collectour for the paiemente of theſaied monete, and the ouerplus coming of the ſale and keping therof, if any be, to be immediatlie reſtored to the owner of theſame diſtreſſe: whiche ſaied officers, and other perſones ſo deputed to aſke, take, gather, and leuie theſaied ſummes, ſhall aunſwere and be charged for their portion onely to them aſſigned, or limited to be gathered, leuied, and compriſed in theſaied writing, or eſtreate to them, as is beforeſaied, deliuered vnto the vſe of our Souuereine Lorde the King, his heires, and ſucceſſours, and theſaied ſumme in that writing, or eſtreate compriſed to paie vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of that place for the collection of theſame, in maner and fourme vnderwriten, therunto to be named and deputed: And theſame inhabitauntes, and officers ſo gathering theſame particular ſummes, for their collection therof ſhall reteine for euery .xx.s. ſo by them receiued, and paied, twoo pence, and that to be allowed at the paiement of their collection by them to be made to the highe Collectour, or Collectours.

And ferther be it enacted, by theſaied aucthoritie of this preſent Parlament, that theſaied Commiſſioners, or the more parte of the as ſhal take vpon them the execution, and buſineſſe of theſaied com-

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mission, shall yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, name suche sufficient, and hable persones, whiche then shall haue, and possede lande, and other hereditamentes in their owne right, of the yerelie value, of.x l. or gooddes to the value of one. C. markes at the least. And the same persones seuerallie, by the discrecions of thesame Commissioners, in Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentake, Rapes, Cities, Tounes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places Priuileged, as without, not being forprised within this acte, to be highe Collectours, and haue the collection and receipte of thesaied summes sette, and leuiable within the precincte, limites, and boundes, where they shalbe so limited to gather, and receiue: To euery of the whiche collectours so seuerallie named, thesaied commissioners, or twoo of them at the least, yerelie during thesaied twoo yeres before the.xii. daie of Decembre, or within one Moneth next after thesaied whole summe of thesaied Subsidie be sette, by all the limites of thesame their commission, or in suche limites, as the highe Collectours shalbe so seuerallie assigned, shal vnder their seales, and signes Manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchemẽt, to euery of thesame high Collectours, comprising in it the names of al suche persones, as were assigned to leuie thesaied particular summes, and the summes of euery hundred, Wapentake, Toune, or other place aforesaied, with the names and surnames of the persones so chargeable, according to the estreate so first therof made, as is aforesaied, and deliuered: and the Collectour so to be assigned, shable charged to aunswere the whole summe comprised in thesaied estreate limited to his collection, as is aforesaied.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that thesaied cõmissioners, hauing auctoritie by this acte, to name and nommate thesaied highe Collectours of thesaied Subsidie, yerelie, during thesaied.ii. yeres, shall immediatlie vpon their nomination, and election, take by auctoritie of this present Parlament, sufficient recognisaũces, or obligacions without any fee, or rewarde to be paied therefore, of euery persone so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the King, in double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made vpon suche cõdicion, that if thesaied Collectour, his heires, or executours dooe truelie content & paie to the vse of the king his heires, or executours in his receipte of his Eschequier, before thesaied.xiiii. daie of Februarie then next ensuing, somuche of thesaied summe of monee allotted, and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect & gather: and contẽt, and paie the residue of his collection, & charge, within one moneth next after suche time, as he hath gathered, & collected thesame residue: that thẽ thesaied recognisaunce, or obligacion to be voide, or elles to stande in his ful strength, and vertue: whiche recognisaunce,

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or obligacion so taken, thesaied commissioners shall certifie, and deliuer into the Kinges Eschequier, with the certificat of thesaied taxacion, and rate of thesaied Subsidie, at and by the time to them prescribed, and appoincted by this acte, vpon peine of forfaicture of .x.l. to the King, for euery recognisaunce, or obligacion not certified: and that euery suche Collectour so elected, named, and chosen vpon request to him made, shal knowelege, and make thesaied recognisaūce, or obligacion, vpon like peine, and forfaicture of .x.l. to the King, for the refusal therof, and euery suche Collectour so yerelie deputed, hauing thesaied estreate in parchement, as is aforesaied, shal haue auctoritie by this acte, yerelie during thesaied .ii. yeres., to appoincte daies, and places, within the circuite of his collection, for the paiement of thesaied Subsidie to him to bee made, and therof to geue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise, to al thesaied Constables and other persones, or inhabitauntes hauing the charge of the particular Collection within the Hundredes, parishes, touues, or other places by him, or them limited, to make paiemēt for their saied particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall apperteine: And if at thesaied date, and place so limited, and prefixed by thesaied Collectour, thesaied Constables, Officers, or other persones, or inhabitauntes, as is beforesaied, for thesaied particular collectiō appoincted, and assigned within suche hundred, Citie, Toune, or other place, doe not paie vnto thesaied Collectour the summe within their seuerall hundredes, Tounes, parishes, and other places due, and compised in thesaied estreates therof, to thē deliuered by thesaied commissioners, or some of them, as is beforesaied, or so muche therof, as thei haue by any meane receiued .ii.d. of euery pounde for thesaied particular collection, as is beforesaied, alwaies to bee therof allowed, excepted, and abated: that then it shalbe lawefull to thesaied highe Collectours, and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distreigne euery of thesaied Constables, officers, and other inhabitaūtes, for their saied seueral, and particular collection of thesaied summes compised in thesaied estreate, and writing therof, to them, and euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for asmuche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered, and leuied, and behinde and vnpaied, by the gooddes and cattalles of euery of them so being behinde: and the distresse so taken to be kept, appraised, and solde, as is aforesaied, and therof to take, and leuie the summes so then being behinde, and vnpaied, and the ouerplus coming of the sale of thesaied distresse, if any be, to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwaies, that no persone inhabited in any Citie, Borough, or Toune corporate, shalbe compelled to be an Assessour, or Collectour, of, or for any parte of thesaied Subsidie, in any place, or

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places out of thesaied Citie, Borough, or Toune Corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by thesaied aucthoritie enacted, that if any inhabitaunte, or Officer, or whatsoeuer persone, or persones charged to, and for the collection, or receipte of any parte, or porcion of thesaied Subsidie, in any of thesaied twoo yeres, by any maner of meanes, according to this Acte, or any persone, or persones for themselues, or as keper, Gardian, Deputie, Factour, or attourneie of, and for any other persone, or persones, of any gooddes, and Cattalles of the owner therof, at the time of thesaied assessing to be made, being out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowē, or of, and for the gooddes, and cattalles of any other persone, or persones of any corporation, fraternitie, misterie, or other whatsoeuer communaltie being incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persones hauing in their rule, gouernaūce, and custodie any gooddes, or cattalles at the time of thesaied assessing, or any of theim to be made, or whiche for any cause, for, and by collection, or for himself, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custodie of any gooddes, or cattalles of any other persone, or persones, corporation, communalties, fraternitie, guilde, or misterie, or any suche other like, or as Factour, Deputie, or attourneie of, or for any persone, shalbe tared, rated, valued, and sette to any summe, or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taracion, or assessing, vpon any suche persone, or persones, as shalbe charged with the receipt of thesame, happen to die, and departe from the place where he was so tared, and sette, or his gooddes, and cattalles be so eloined, or in suche priuie, and couert maner kept, as thesaied persone, or persones charged with thesame, by extreates, or other writing from thesaied Commissioners, or as many of thē as shalbe therunto appointed by thesaied commission, as is aforesaied, can, ne maie leuie thesame summe, or summes compulsed within their saied extreates by distresse within the limites of their collection, as is before saied, or cannot sell suche distresse, or distresses as be taken for any of thesaied yerelie paiementes before the time limited to the high Collectour, for his paiement to be made in the Kinges receipte: then vpon relacion therof made, with due examination by the othe, or examinacion of suche persone, or persones, as shalbe charged with, and for the receipte and collectiō of thesame before thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as by thesaied commission shalbe therunto appointed, where suche persone, or persones, or other, as is aforesaied, their gooddes, & cattalles were set, and tared, & vpō plain certificat therof made into the kinges Exchequier by thesame Commissioners, aswell of the dwelling place, names, and summes of thesaied persones, of whom thesaied summes can not be leuied, and had, as is beforesaied: then aswel the Constables,

bles, and other inhabitaũtes appoincted for thesaied particular collection againſt the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accoumpte, & othe in thesaied Eschequier to be discharged therof, and proceſſe to be made for the King out of thesaied Eschequier, by the discrecions of the Barones of thesaied Eschequier, againſt ſuche perſone, his heires, or executours ſo being behynde with his paiemẽt: and ouer that, thesame Commiſſioners to whom any ſuche declaration of the premiſſes ſhalbe made, in fourme aforesaied, from time to time, ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie, during thesaied twoo yeres, to directe their precepte, or preceptes vnto thesaied perſone, or perſones charged with any ſumme of, for, or vpon any ſuche perſone, or perſones, or other, as is aboueſaied, or to any Sheriefe, Stewarde, Bailiefe, or other whatſoeuer Officer, Miniſter, perſone, or perſones of ſuche place, or places where any ſuche perſone, or perſones ſo owing ſuche ſumme, or ſummes, ſhal haue landes, and Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real poſſeſſions, gooddes, and Cattalles, whereby any ſuche perſone, or perſones ſo indebted, his heires, executours, or aſſignes, or other hauing the cuſtodie, gouernaunce, or diſpoſition of any gooddes, cattalles, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamẽtes, whiche ought, or maie by this Acte lawefullie be diſtreigned, or taken for thesame, hath, and ſhall haue gooddes, cattalles, landes, tenementes, and other poſſeſſions, wherof ſuche ſumme, or ſũmes whiche by any ſuche perſone, or perſones maie, or ought to be leuied, be it within the limites of ſuche commiſſion, where ſuche perſone, or perſones was, and were taxed, or without in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, Marches, or territories, by whiche precepte aſwell ſuche perſone, or perſones, as ſhalbe charged to leuie ſuche monete, as the Officers of the place, or places, where ſuche diſtreſſe maie be taken, ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie to diſtreigne euery ſuche perſone indebted, charged, or chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or adminiſtratours of his gooddes, & cattalles, his Gardianes, Factours, deputies, leſſees, fermours, and aſſignes, and al other perſones by whoſe handes, or out of whoſe lãdes any ſuche perſone ſhoulde haue Rente, Fee, Annuitie, or any other profeicte, or whiche at the time of thesaied aſſeſſinges ſhall haue gooddes, or cattalles, or any other thing moueable, of any ſuche perſone, or perſones being indebted, or owing ſuche ſumme: And the diſtreſſes ſo taken cauſe to be kepte, appraiſed, and ſolde, in like maner and fourme, as is aforeſaied, for the diſtreſſe to be taken vpon perſones to be taxed to thesaied Subſidie, and being ſufficient to diſtreigne, within the limites of the Collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for thesame ſummes ſo vpon them to be taxed. And if any ſuche diſtreſſe for none paiemente happen to be taken out of the limite

mite of theſaied perſones charged, & aſſigned to leuie theſame, the perſones ſo charged for the leuie of euerie ſoche ſumme by diſtreſſe, ſhall perceiue, and take of theſame diſtreſſe, for the labour of euery perſone going for the execution therof, for euery mile that any ſoche perſone ſo laboureth for theſame, twoo pence. And euery Fermour, Tenaunte, Gardian, Factour, or other whatſoeuer perſone being diſtreigned, or otherwiſe charged, for paiemēte of any ſoche ſumme, or ſummes, or any other Summe by reaſon of this Acte, ſhalbe of ſoche Summe, or Summes, of hym, or theim ſo leuied, and taken, diſcharged, and acquited at his nexte daie of paiemente of theſame, or at the deliuerie of ſoche gooddes, and cattalles, as he that is ſo diſtreigned had in his cuſtodie, and gouernaunce, againſt hym, or them, that ſhalbe ſo tared, and ſette, any graunte, or writing obligatorie, or other whatſoeuer matier to the contrarie made heretofore, notwithſtanding.

And if any ſoche perſone, that ſhould be ſo diſtreigned, haue no landes, or tenementes ſufficient, whereby he, or his tenauntes, and fermours maie be diſtreigned, or hath eloined, aliened, or hidde his gooddes, and cattalles whereby he ſhould, or mught be diſtreigned, in ſoche maner that ſoche gooddes, and cattalles ſhal not be knowē, or founde, ſo that the Summe of, or by hym to be paied in theſaied fourme, ſhal, ne can be conuenientlie leuied, then vpon relacion therof vnto the Commiſſioners, or to as many of theim as by theſaied commiſſion ſhalbe therunto appoincted, where ſoche perſone, or perſones was tared, and ſette by the othes of him, or them that ſhalbe charged with the leuie, and paiemente of that ſumme, or ſummes, theſame Commiſſioners ſhal make a precepte in ſoche maner, as is aforeſaid, for to attache, take, and arreſte the bodie of ſoche perſone, or perſones that ought to paie theſaied Summes, and by this Acte ſhalbe charged with, and for theſame ſumme, or ſummes, and them ſo taken ſafelie to kepe in priſone within the Shire, or other place, where any ſoche perſone, or perſones ſhalbe taken, & attached, there to remaine without baile, or mainprize, vntil he haue paied theſame ſumme, or ſummes, that ſoche perſones for himſelf, or for any other by this Acte ſhalbe chargeable, or ought to be charged withall, and alſo for the fees of euery ſoche arreſte to him, or them that ſhall execute ſoche precepte. xx. ō. And that euery Officer, vnto whom ſoche precepte ſhalbe directed, dooe his true diligence, and execute theſame vpon euery perſone ſo being indebted, vpon peine to forfaicte to our ſaied Souuereine Lorde the King, for euery defaulte in that behalfe xx. ſhillinges. And that no keper of any Gaole, from his Gaole ſuffre any ſoche perſone to goe at large, by letting to baile, or otherwiſe to departe out of his priſone, before he haue paied his ſaied debte, and theſated. xx. ō. for theſaied arreſte, vpon peine to forfaicte to our

Souuereine Lorde. xl. shillinges, and theſame Gaoler to paie vnto our saied Souuereine Lorde the double value, aswell of the rate whiche theſaied perſone ſo impriſoned was tared at, as of theſaied xx.s. for the fees: and like proceſſe, and remedie, in like fourme, shall be graunted by theſaied Commiſſioners, or as many of them, as by theſaied commiſſione shalbe therunto appoincted, at like informacion of euery perſone, or perſones being charged with any ſumme of moneie for any other perſone, or perſones, by reaſon of theſaied Subsidie euery of theſaied twoo yeres, & not therof paied, but wilfullie withdrawen, ne theſame leuiable within the limites where ſoche perſone was therunto tared. And if the ſumme, or ſummes being behinde vnpaied by any perſone, or perſones, as is aforeſaied, be leuied, and gathered by force of theſaied proceſſe to be made by theſaied Cõmiſſioners, or if in defaulte, or for lacke of paiemente therof, the perſone, or perſones ſo owing theſaied ſumme, or ſummes of moneie, by proceſſe of theſame Cõmiſſioners to be made, as is aforeſaied, be committed to priſone, in fourme abouesaied: That then the ſame Commiſſioners whiche shal awarde ſoche proceſſe, shall make certificat therof in theſaied Exchequier of that shalbe dooen in the premiſſes, in the terme nexte folowing after ſoche ſumme, or ſummes of moneie ſo being behinde shalbe leuied, and gathered, or ſoche perſone, or perſones, for none paiemente of theſame, committed to priſone. And if it happen any of theſaied Collectours to be aſſigned, or any Maiour. Sheriefe. Stuarde. Cõſtables. the head boroughes, houſholder, Bailiefe, or any other officer, or miniſter, or other whatſoeuer perſone, or perſones to diſobeie theſaied Cõmiſſioners, or any of them, in the reaſonable requeſte to them made by theſaied Commiſſioners, for perelie execution of theſaied commiſſion, during theſaid. ij. yeres: or if any of thofficers, or other perſones doe refuſe that to them shal apperteine, or belong to dooe, by reaſon of any precepte to him, or them to be directed, or any reaſonable commaundemente, inſtaunce, or requeſte, touching the premiſſes, or other defaulte, in any apparaunce, or collectiõ to make: or if any perſone being ſuſpecte, or not to be indifferentlie tared, as is aforeſaid, doe refuſe to be examined, according to the tenour of this Acte, before theſaied Cõmiſſioners, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto aſſigned, as is afore ſaied, or wil not appeare before theſame cõmiſſioners vpõ warning to him made, or els make reſiſtence, or reſcous, vpõ any diſtreſſe vpõ him to be taken for any parcel of theſaied ſubſidie, or cõmit any miſbehauour in any maner of wiſe contrarie to this Acte, or cõmitte any wilful omiſſion, or other whatſoeuer wilful, not dooing, or miſſedooing, contrarie to the tenour of this Acte, or graunte: theſame cõmiſſioners, & euery numbre of them aboue remẽbred. or. ij. of them at the leaſt, vpõ probable knowelege of any ſoche miſdemeanours had

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by informacion, or examinacion, shal, and maie sette vpō euery soche offendour, for euery soche offence, in name of a fine, by thesame offendour to be forfaicted, xl. shillinges, or vnder, by the discretion of thesame Commissioners. And ferther thesaied Cōmissioners, and euery numbre of them, to twoo of them at the least, shal haue auctoritie by this presente Acte, to punishe euery soche offendour by imprisonmente, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretiō, as shal seeme to them conuenient, thesaied fines (if any soche be) to be certified by thesaied Commissioners, that so assessed thesame, into thesaied Kinges Exchequier, there to be leued, and paied by the Collectours of that parties, for thesaied Subsidie, retourned into thesaied Exchequier, to be therewith charged, with the paiemente of thesaied Subsidie, in soche maner, as if thesaied fines had been set, and taxed vpon thesaied offendours for thesaied Subsidie.

It is also enacted by thesaied auctoritie of this presente Parlamente, that euery of thesaid high Collectours, whiche shal accoūpte for any parte of thesaied Subsidie in the Kinges Exchequier, vpon their seueral saied accoumptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, for euery pounde limited to his Collection, wherof any soche Collectour shalbe charged, & yelde accoumpt vi.d. as parcell of their saied charge, that is to saie, of euery poumde therof, for soche persone as then haue had the particular collection in the Tounes and other places, as is aforesaied, specified in his collection twoo pence, and other twoo pence of euery pounde therof, euery of thesaid chief Collectours theis accoumptaunte to receiue to their owne vse, for their labour, and charge, in, and about the premisses, and twoo pence of euery pounde residue to be deliuered, allowed, and paied by thesaied Collectours, so being therof allowed, to soche of the Commissioners as shal take vpon them the businesse, & labour, for, and about the premisses, that is to saie, euery Collectour to paie that Commissioner, or Commissioners, whiche had the ordring of the writinges, of, and for thesaied Subsidie, where thesaid Collectour, or Collectours had their collection, for expenses of thesaied Commissioners so taking vpon theim thesaied businesse, and labour of their Clerkes writing thesaied preceptes, and estreates for thesaied collections, thesame last twoo pence of euery poimde, to be diuided emongst thesaied Commissioners, hauing regarde to their labour, and businesse taken by them, or their saied Clerkes, in, and about the premisses: for whiche parte so to thesaied Commissioners attreining, thesaid Commissioners, fiue, fiue, fower, three, or as many of theim, as shalbe therunto appointed by the Kinges Commission, and euery of them, iointlie, and seuerallie for his, and their saied parte, maie haue his remedie against thesaied Collectour, or Collectours, whiche therof been, and might haue been allowed by

Action of debte, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, iniunction, or other essoine shalbe allowed.

And that no persone now being of the numbre of the companie of this Presente Parlamente, nor any Commissioner shalbe named, or assigned to be any Collectour, Subcollectour, or Presentour of the saied Subsidie, or of any parte therof, nor no Commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentmente, or certificat, other then in the Kinges Exchequier, of, for, or concerning the saied Subsidie, or any parte therof in any of the saied twoo yeres. And likewise that none other persone that shalbe named, or assigned to be Commissioner in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie in any of the saied twoo yeres, be, or shalbe assigned, or named head Collectour, in any of the same twoo yeres, of the said Subsidie, neither of any parte therof. And that euery soche persone, or persones, whiche shalbe named, and appointed, as is aforesaied, to be head Collectours, in, and for one of the saied twoo yeres, shal not be compelled to be Collectour for the other and last yere, and the saied Collectours whiche shalbe assigned for the collection of the saied Subsidie, or for any parte therof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquited, and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charge in the Kinges Exchequier, or elswhere, of them, or any of them, by reason of that collection, paiemente, or accoumptes, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any persone receiue, & take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any soche accouptaunte, that then he shal forfaicte to the King for euery penie, or value of penie so taken, twentie pence, and suffre imprisonmente at the kinges pleasure.

And after the taxing, and assessing of the saied yerelie Subsidies, as is aforesaied, had, and made, and the said estreates therof in parchement vnto the Collectours, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the saied Commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limites of their commission, by their agrementes shal haue meting together: at whiche meting euery of the said Commissioners, whiche then shal haue taken vpō them the execution of any parte of the saied commission, shall by him selfe, or by his sufficient Deputie, truelie certifie, & bring forth vnto the saied Commissioners named in the saied commission, the certificat, and presentmente made before him, and soche other Commissioners as were limited with him in one limite, so that the same certificat maie be accoumpted, & cast with other certificates of the other limites, within the saiue commission, & then the saied Commissioners, & euery numbre of them vnto twoo at the least, as is aforesaied, if thei be in life, or their Executours, or administratours of their gooddes, if thei be the dead, shal iouctlie, and seuerallie, as thei were diuided

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within their limites vnder their seales, yerelie during the said twoo yeres, by their discretion make one, or seuerall writinges indented, conteining in it, aswel the names of the saied Collectours by the Cõmissioners for soche collection, and accoumpte in the Exchequier, & paiemente in the saied receipte deputed, & assigned, as the grosse, and seueral summes written vnto euery soche Collectour to receiue the saied Subsidie, & also al fines, amerciamentes, & other forfaictures, if any soche, by reason of this Acte, happen to be within the precincte & limite of their cõmission to be certified into the kinges Exchequier by the saied Commissioners yerelie, during the saied twoo yeres, by the saied Commissioners: in whiche writing, or writinges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainelie declared, & expressed, aswell in the whole, & entire summe, or summes of the saied Subsidie seuerallie limited to the collection of the saied Collectours, seuerallie deputed, & assigned to the collection of the saied summes, so that none of the saied Collectours so certified in the saied Exchequier, shalbe compelled there to accoũpte, or to be charged, but onely, to, & for the summe limited to his collection, and not to, or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but that euery of thẽ shalbe seuerallie charged for their partes limited to their collection. And if the saied Cõmissioners ioigned in one commission emonges them selues, in that matier cannot agree: or if any of thẽ be not readie, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same Commissioners: that then the same Cõmissioners maie make seueral endentures, in fourme afore saied, of their seueral limites, or separacions of Collectours, within the limites of their commission, vpon, & in the hundredes, wardes, wapẽtakes, lathes, rapes, or soche other like diuisions within their saied seueral limites of their commission, as the places there shal require, to be seuered, & diuided, and as to the same Cõmissioners shal seeme to make diuisions of their limites, or collectiõs, for the seueral charges of the same Collectours, so that alwaie one Collectour shalbe charged, & accoumpte for his parte to him to be limited onely by him selfe, & not for any summe limited to the parte of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be set, and certified seuerallie vpon them, & euery soche Collectour, vpon his accoumpte, & paiemente of the summe of moneie limited within his collection to be seuerallie by himselfe acquited, & discharged in the saied Exchequier without paiyng any maner of fees, or rewardes to any persone, or persones for the same, vpon the peine, & penaltie last aboue saied, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour: And if any commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that, as is afore saied, shal before any soche Commissioner be examined, & the summes rated, & sette, and the bookes, & writinges therof being in his handes, or if any collectour, or other person charged with any

receipte of any parte of any of thesaied Subsidies, fiftenes, or tenthes, or any other persone taxed, or otherwise by this Acte charged with, and for any parcell of thesaied Subsidies, or with any other summes, for fine, amerciamente, penaltie, or other forfaicture, happen to die before soche Commissioner, Collectour, or other whatsoeuer persone, or persones haue executed, accoumplished, satisfied, or sufficientlie discharged it, whiche to euery soche persone shal apperteine, or belong to dooe according to this Acte, then the Executours and heires of euery soche persone, and al other seased of any landes, or tenementes, that any soche persone being charged by this Acte, and deceassing before he be discharged therof, or any other to his vse onely had of estate of enheritaūce at the time that any soche persone was named Commissioner, Collectour, or in any other wise charged with, and for any maner of thing to be dooen, satisfied, or paied by reason of this Acte, and al these that haue in their possessions, or handes, any gooddes, or cattalles, that were to any soche persone, at the time of his death, landes, or tenementes, that were thesame persones, at the time he was (as is aforesaied) charged by this Acte, shalbe by thesame compelled, and charged to dooe, & accoumplishe in euery case, as thesame persone so being charged should haue dooen, & might haue been cōpelled to dooe, if he had been in plaine life, after soche rate of the landes, and gooddes of thesaied Commissioner, or Collectour, as the partie shal haue in his hande. And if thesame Cōmissioners, for causes reasonable theim mouing, shall thinke it not conuenient to ioigne in one certificat, as is beforesaied, then thesaid persone, or persones that shall first ioigne together, or he that shall first certifie thesaied writing indented, as is aforesaied, shall certifie al the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherupon soche writinges shalbe there then to be certified, with diuisions of the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, tithinges, or other places, to, and emong soche Commissioners of thesame commission, with the names of thesame Commissioners, where soche separacions, and diuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of monete, as wel of, & for the saied Subsidie taxed, or set, of, or within thesaied hundredes, wardes, wapētakes, or other places to him, or them diuided, or assigned, that shal so certifie thesaid first writing, as of fines, amerciamētes, penalties, or other forfaictures, if any happen to be within thesame limites, wherof thesame writinges shalbe certified, and after soche writing indented, whiche, as is aforesaied, shalbe certified, & not conteine in it the whole, and ful summes sette, and taxed within the limites of thesame commission, the other Commissioners of thesame, euery of thesaid twoo yeres, before the daie of paiemente of thesaid Subsidie, shal certifie into thesaied Exchequier by their writing, or writinges indented to be made, as is beforesaied, the grosse, and se-

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ueral summes, sette, and taxed, within the places to thē limited for thesaied Subsidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfaictures with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or elles by their saied writinges indented, to certifie at thesaied place, before thesaid daie of paiemēte onelesse reasonable causes for their excuses, why thei maie not make soche certificat, of, & for thesaied Subsidie, with fines, amerciamentes, and other forfaictures, growing, or sette, by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certifiyng, as is abouesaid, or elles in defaulte therof, processe to be made out of the Kinges Exchequier against thesaied Commissioners, & euery of theim not making certificat, as is aforesaied, by the discretion of the Treasourer, and Barones of thesaied Exchequier.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaied, that the inhabitauntes of the Paroche of Saincte Martine, called Stampforde Barone in the suburbes of the Boroughe, and Toune of Stampforde, in the Southe parte of the water there called Wellande, whiche herafter shalbe contributorie to the paiemente of this presente Subsidie graunted to the Kinges highnesse, his heires, and successours, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this time, by soche Commissioners, whiche shalbe appoincted for the taxing, rating, and sessing of soche Subsidies, or taxe, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this time contributories, and paie thesaied Subsidie to the Collectour, or Collectours whiche shalbe assigned, and appoincted for the leuiage, and gathering of thesame, with the Aldremenne, and Burgeses of thesaied Boroughe, and Toune of Stampforde.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that al, and euery persone, and persones hauing Manours, landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamentes, chargeable to the paiemente of the Subsidie graunted to the Kinges Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing spiritual possessions chargeable to his saied Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme in their cōuocation, and ouer this hauing substaunce in gooddes, and cattalles chargeable by this said Acte, that then if any of thesaid persone, or persones be herafter charged, assessed, and taxed for thesaied Manours, landes, and tenementes, and Spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and taxed for his, or their gooddes, and cattalles, that then he, or thei shalbe onely charged by vertue of this Acte, for his, and their saied Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his saied gooddes, and cattalles, the best therof to be taken for the King, and not to be charged for bothe, or double charged for any of them, any thing in this Acte cōteined to the contrarie in any wise not withstanding.

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Prouided alwaies, that this graunte of Subsidie, nor any other thing therin conteined in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes, or dwellers within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, & the Marches of thesame, Jerneseie, & Gerneseie, or any of them, of, for, & concerning any Manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessiõs, gooddes, cattalles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche thesaied inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Irelande, Calice, Hãmes, Guisnes, or other Marches of thesame, Jerneseie, Gerneseie, or in any of them, of, for, or concerning any fees, or wages, whiche any of thesaid inhabitauntes, or dwellers haue of our Souuerein lorde the king for their attendaunce, & dooing seruice to our saied Souuereine Lorde, in Irelande, Calice, Hãmes, Guisnes, & the Marches of thesame, Jerneseie, & Gerneseie, or in any of the, any thing in this presente Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this present Acte of subsidie, ne any other thing therin conteined, extende to any of thenglish inhabitauntes, or resiauntes in any of the Counties of Northumbrelande, Cumbreland, Westmoreland, the toune of Barwike, the toune of Newcastelle vpon Tine, & the Bishoprike of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manours, landes, tenementes, & other possessions, gooddes, cattalles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche thesame inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within thesaied Counties of Northumbrelande, Cumbreland, Westmoreland, or the toune of Barwike, the toune of Newcastelle vpõ Tine, or the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees, or wages, whiche any of thesaied inhabitauntes, or dwellers, haue of our Souuerein lorde the king, for their attendaunce, & dooing seruice to our saied Souuereine Lorde the king, for, or within thesaied Counties of Northumbrelande, Cumbrelande, Westmoreland, the toune of Barwike, the toune of Newcastelle vpon Tine, & the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of theim, to, or for thesaied tarring, leuying, gathering, or paiemente: but that the Englishe inhabitauntes, & resiauntes, & euery of the, of thesaied Counties, Bishoprike, and Tounes, and of euery of them, shalbe of, and from thesaied Subsidie, and euery parcelle therof, of, and for their Manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, gooddes, and cattalles lyng, and being in thesame Counties, Tounes, and Bishoprike, or any of them, vtterlie acquited, and discharged, any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prouided also that al lettres Patentes graunted by the kinges highnesse, or any of his most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Tounes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions fro the burthen, and charge of any soche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present time in force, and

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vailable, shall remaine good and effectuall to the saied Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes therof, though the inhabitauntes of the same shall vpon the great & weightie consideracions of the Kinges Maiesties great, and inestimable charges before expressed, be for this graunt charged, and contributorie, in like maner, fourme, and sorte, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche be not in any wise priuileged, or from suche grauntes of Subsidie excepted.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by authoritie aforesaied, that no Orphan, or infaunte within thage of .xxi. yeres borne within any of the Kinges dominions, shalbe charged to any paiemente of this Subsidie for his gooddes, and Cattalles to him left, or bequethed. Any thing conteined in this acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prouided also that the saied graunte of Subsidie, or any other thing therin conteined dooe not in any maner of wise extende to be preiudicial, or hurteful to thinhabitauntes, or resiauntes at this presente time, within the fiue portes corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate, or vnited to the same fiue portes, or to any of the same fiue portes, of, or for any parte, or parcell of the saied summes graunted in this present Parliament of the saied inhabitauntes now resiauntes, or any of them to be tared, sette, asked, leuied, or paied, but that the saied inhabitauntes, and resiauntes in the saied fiue portes, and their membres be, and shalbe of, and from the saied graunt, and paiemente of the saied Subsidie, during the resiaunce there, and no lenger, clerelie acquited, and discharged, any matter, or whatsoeuer thing in this present Acte hadde, or made to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteined, shal extende to the gooddes, or landes of any College, Halle, or Hostle within the Vniuersities of Oxenford, and Cambrige, or any of the, or to the gooddes, or landes of the College of Winton founded by Bisshoppe Wickam, or to the gooddes, or landes of the college of Eton nerte Windesore, or to the gooddes, or landes of any commune free Grammar Schole within the Realme of Englande, or Wales, or to the gooddes of any Reader, Scholemaister, or Scholar within the saied Vniuersities, and Colleges, or any of them there remaining for studie, without fraude, or couine, or to the gooddes, or landes of any Hospital, Mesondieu, or Spitlehouse prepared, and vsed for the sustentacion, and releefe of poore people, any thing in this Acte conteined to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

Forasmuche also, as diuerse and sundrie the kinges Maiesties subiectes, and other thinhabitauntes within the Coupties of Angleseie, Caernaruan, Merioneth, Flint, Denbigh, Mountgomerie, Radnor, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Caerdigan, Caermarthen, Penbrooke

brooke in the dominion of Wales, and of the Countie Palantine of Chester, be at this present time charged, & chargeable with the paiement of the Relefe, graunted to his Maiestie in the Parlamentes holden at Westminstre vpon Prorogacione, in the second and thirde yere of his Maiesties reigne, whiche Relefes, by reason of seuerall prouisions made, and prouided for the Counties aforesaied, in, and by the saied seueral actes, be as yet vnpaied, and some of the same relefes in some of the saied Shires are to be paied before some other of the same relefes are to be paied in some other of the same Shires: For the paiementes wherof, diuerse the Kinges Maiesties subiectes, and inhabitauntes of the saied Counties, are, and stande charged to paie the same to the Kinges Highnesse at daies yet to come: The king our Souuereine Lorde is therfore pleased, and contented, that it be prouided, ordeined, and enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaied, that the first paiement of this Subsidie graunted to his Highnesse by this present Acte of Parlament, shalbe gathered, leuied, and paied of the inhabitau̅tes of euery of the saied seueral Shires, & Countie Palantine, within one yere nexte after the last paiement of the saied Relefe shalbe due, and ought to be paied, that is to saie, ordelie in euery of the saied Counties, and Countie Palantine, as the last daie of the paiemente of the same Relefe shall happen to ende, and expire, and not before mises, and Relefe be past: And that the same Subsidie shalbe tared, leuied, gathered, and paied in the saied Courte of Exchequier in the twoo yeres then nexte folowing, at suche like daies, and times in the same twoo yeres, as be before in this present Acte limited and appoincted, according to the true meaning of this Acte, any thing in this Acte mencioned to the contrarie herof in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the entent the saied daies alreadie limited, and appoincted for the paiement of the saied Relefe, maie be certaunlie knowen, and be of Recorde in the Kinges saied Courte of Exchequier: Be it therfore enacted by thauctho̅itie aforesaied, that twoo of the Iustices of the Peace, in euery of the saied Shires, and Countie Palantine, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall before the feaste of Saincte Martine the Bishoppe next ensuing, certifie into the saied Courte of Exchequier the certeintie, and very last daie appoincted, and limited for the paiement of the saied Relefe, in euery of the saied Counties, and Countie Palantine, whiche certificat shalbe receiued in the same Courte, and there remaine of Recorde, for the consideracions aforesaied.

¶ The .xiii. Chapitre.

¶ An Acte for the confirmacion of a Subsidie graunted by the Clergie.

Where

WHere the Prelates, and Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorburie haue lounglie, and liberallie for certaine conlideracions geuen, and graunted to the kinges Maieſtie a Subſidie of ſix ſhillinges of the pounde, to be taken, and leuied of all, and ſingular the Spiritual promocions within theſame prouince, during the terme of .iii. yeres, now nexte enſuing, in ſuche certaine maner and fourme, and with diuerſe exceptions, and prouiſions ſpecified, and conteined in a certaine inſtrumente by them therof made, and deliuered to the kinges highneſſe vnder the ſeale of the Archebiſſhoppe of Cantorburie, as in theſame inſtrumente exhibited in this preſent Parlament more plainelie it dooeth appeare, the tenour wherof enſueth in theſe wordes.

¶ The Prelates, and Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorburie, vpō great, and weightie cauſes to them prepoſed, and emong theſame weighed, and debated, conſiderung their boundē duetie to the kinges Maieſtie their moſte naturall, and gracioule Souuereine Lorde, and hauing in remembraunce the manifolde benefeictes whiche thei dailie receiue by his moſt gracioule, and godlie gouernemēt, wherby thei be conſerued in peace, and quietneſſe, and ſo more hable to ſerue God, and intende to their office: for declaration of their good hartes and mindes towardes his highneſſe, with one voice, and very hartie good wil, dooe geue & graunt to his Maieſtie one Subſidie, in maner and fourme folowing, that is to ſaie, that euery Archebiſſhoppe, Biſſhoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarie, Prouoſte, maſter of Colleges, maſter of Hoſpitales, perſon, Vicar, and euery other perſone, and perſones of whatſoeuer name, or degree, he, or thei be, enioyng any Spiritual promocion, or other Temporall poſſeſſions to theſame Spirituall promocion annexed, now not diuided, nor ſeparate by Acte of Parlament, or otherwiſe from the poſſeſſion of the Clergie, ſhall pate to the kinges highneſſe, for euery pounde, that he maie yerelie diſpende, by reaſon of theſaied Spirituall promocion, the ſumme of .vi.ſ. And for the true, and certaine knowelege of the yerelie value of theſaied promocions, and euery of them, wherof the paiement ſhalbe made, the rate, taracion, and valuacion, and eſtimacion remaining of recorde in the kinges Maieſties courte of the firſt fruictes, and Tenthe, for the paiement of the perpetuall diſme, concerning all ſuche promocions, as be in poſſeſſion of the Clergie, or any other not diuided by Acte of Parlament, or otherwiſe (as is aforeſaied) ſhalbe folowed, and obſerued without any making any valuacion, rate, taracion, or eſtimacion, other then in theſaied recorde is compriſed.

Prouided alwaies, that foraſmuche as the Tenthe parte of the-

saied valuacion, and taxe before mencioned, is yerelie paied to the kinges highnesse for the perpetual disme, so as there remaineth onely nine partes to the incumbent cleare, this Subsidie of .vi.s.the.l. shall be vnderstande onely of thesame nine partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwaies that no persone that is alreadie promoted to any Spiritual benefice, sithen the first daie of Octobre last past before the date herof, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any Spiritual benefice on thisside the first daie of Octobre, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande fiue hundred fiftie and fiue, by reason wherof thei be, shall, or maie be charged that yere to the paiemente of firste fruictes, shalbe contributorie, or charged to the kinges highnesse with any parte of this Subsidie, during the first yere of his saied promocion. The saied Prelates, and Clergie also doe graunt, that this Subsidie of.vi.s.of the pounde of the yerelie value of euery promocion fared, as aforesaied, shalbe paied to the kinges Maiestie within.iii. yeres next ensuing the date hereof, that is to saie.ii.s.of euery pounde in euery of thesaied.iii.yeres. The first paiement therof to be due, and made at the first daie of Octobre nert ensuing whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God.M.D.liii.and the seconde paiement therof to be due, and made in the first daie of Octobre then next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde god a thousande, fiue hundred, fiftie & foure. And the thirde paiemēt therof to be due, and made in thesaied first daie of Octobre thē next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a.M.D.lv. and to bee deliuered and paied yerelie by suche as shalbe appointed to haue the collection therof, to the Treasourer of the kinges courte of first fruictes, and Tenthes, or to any other persone, whom it shal please the kinges Maiestie to appoinct for the receipt therof, before, or at the last daie of Januarie, in euery of thesaied.iii.yeres.

Item thesaied Prelates, and clergie also doe graunt, that euery prieste, and al other persones hauing a pension by reason of the dissolucion of any the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, chaūtries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitales, or any other corporation within thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie shall likewise paie to his highnesse.vi.s.of euery.l.of thesaied pensiōs within thesaied.iii. yeres at suche daie, & time, as is before specified: and that for the sure paiement therof, a deduction and retencion of thesaied .vi.s. to be made in the handes of the paiers of thesaied pensiō after the proporcion of.ii.s.of the pounde, euery of thesaied.iii. yeres to be deliuered and paied vnto his maiesties vse at suche time, & to suche persons as the subsidie of.vi.s.aforesaied shalbe paied vnto. Item thesaied prelates & clergie doe graunt, that euery priest receiuing annual stipend being no perpetuitie within thesaied prouince, shal paie vnto his graces vse.vi.s.viii.d.in euery of thesame.iii.yeres, at thesame daies, &

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vnder thesame penalties, as the rest of the Clergie dooe paie for their promocions. Item thesaid Prelates, and Clergie further dooe graut, that euery Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, and the see beyng vacant, euery Deane, and Chaptre of that see voide shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper Dioces: and for the better recouerie of thesaid collection, thesaid Prelates, and Clergie humbly beseche the kinges highnesse, that they maie haue full power, and authoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parlament, to vse all suche waies meanes, and proces, as be prescribed in the Acte of Parlament of perpetuall Dismes for the Collection, and leuyng of thesame: And shall make accoumpt therof before the Chauncellour, or Treasourer or other officers of his graces court of the first Fruictes, and Tenth, or in suche other place, as it shall please his highnesse to appoinct in suche wise, and after suche fourme onely, as thesaid Archebishoppes and Bishoppes be now, or shalbe charged for the Collection of the perpetuall Disme, whereby is meant, how the lacke, and default of paiment, of, and for any particular promocion shall onely charge the Incumbent, and suche as be bounde to paie thesame, and that vpon suche peines as be prouided in the Acte of perpetuall Disme, against them that dooe make default in that behaluse.

Prouided alwaies that euery Incumbent makyng suche default of paiment after certificat of suche default duely made, and exhibited in the kinges Maiesties Courte of first Fruictes, and Tenthe, shall forfaict, and loose onely that his benefice, or promocion for whiche he maketh default, and for thesame shall incurre no other forfaicture, losse, daungier, pein, or penaltie: Any other pein, clause, article, or condicion in thesaied Statute of perpetuall Disme conteined to the contrarie notwithstandyng. And that the Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, or Deane, and Chaptre gatheryng that they can receiue, and makyng paiment therof, shall for the rest not by them receiued be discharged by their certificat to be made by the first daie of Februarie, in euery of thesaid .iii. yeres, or within .xxiiii. daies after, into the Courte of first Fruictes, and Tenthe: And .vi.s. of euery pounde wherwith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accoumpte, clearely to be paied into the said receipt, or into soche other place as it shall please the kinges maiestie to appoinct, shalbe allowed to thesame Collectour for his saied accoumpt for thesame, for the charges, and Collection, portage, conueighyng, and paiyng of thesaid Subsidie.

Prouided alwaies that no Spirituall promocion of any landes, or Reuenues annexed to thesame beyng charged by this graunt, or Acte of the Prouince of Cantorburie, or any gooddes, or Cattalles growyng, beyng, or renuyng of thesame, or pertenyng to the owners of thesaid spiritual promocion, shalbe charged, or made contributorie to any .xb. or other Subsidie already graunted, to the kinges highnesse

of the late fee, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the terme of thesaid iii. yeres. Item thesaid Prelates and Clergie further graunt, that euery of his graces newe erected Bisshoppes, Deanes, Prebendaries, Petiçanons, and Preachers shalbe charged to this Subsidie for their awne porcions onely therof to pate. vi. shillynges of the pounde within thesaid iii. yeres, as is aboue rehearsed of other Bisshoppes, and Spirituall persones: And these porcions of Rentes, and Reuenues, whiche his highnesse hath geuen vnto theim, for the maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemaisters, Ushers, Grammatiens, Choristers, and other Officers, and Ministers not to be charged with any part of this Subsidie.

Prouided also that euery Persone, Vicar, or other spirituall man paying any Pension, wherof none allowaunce is made in the valuacion of his said benefice, shall, and maie retein. ii. s. of euery pound of euery suche Pension euery yere duryng thesaid. iii. yeres to his awne relief, in consideracion that he is charged to pate his Subsidie of. vi. s of the pound, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promocio.

Prouided also that where certain Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Porcions, Fruictes, and other Hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuerse Cathedrall Churches, or to other places Ecclesiasticall within thesaid Prouince of Cantorburie, whiche were geuen, and assigned to be bestowed, and spent, to, and on the findyng, and maintenaunce of certain Chauntries, Annuersaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other like thinges, intentes, and purposes, be now comen into the handes, and possession of the kinges maiestie our Souerein Lorde, by force of a Statute therof made in the first yere of his gracious reigne, as by thesaied Statute more plainly appeareth, that thesaid Cathedrall Churches, and the Deanes, or Presidentes, and Chapters of thesame, and all other places and persones to whom thesaid Landes, Rentes, and other the premisses, or any of the did lately appertein, shall not be charged to, and with any contribucion, or paiment of any Subsidie for that part, or porcion wherunto the kinges highnesse is intitled or possessed of, but thesaied Subsidie shalbe understande, to be chargeable, and due onely of all, and singular Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Porcions, fruictes, and other Hereditamentes, whiche dooe still remain not dissenered from the handes and possession of thesaid Cathedrall Churches, and other the places, and persones aforesaid And that deduccio and allowaunce bee made to theim, and euery of theim in the paiment of thesaied Subsidie, out of the whole value, taracion, and estimacion made for the paiment of thesaid perpetuall Disme, remainyng of Recorde in the kinges Maiesties Courtes of first fruictes, and Tenth for that rate, and porcion, whiche is comen to the handes, and possession of our said Souerein Lorde, or otherwise seuered from the possessions

ſeſſions of theſaid Cathedrall Churches, and other places and perſones aforeſaid by force of the ſtatute premiſed.

Prouided alſo that euery perſone, and Vicar whoſe benefice is aboue the valuacio of.b.l. and not aboue.vi.l.xiii.ſ.iiii.d. after the rate of the perpetuall Tenthe, ſhall paie euery yere, of theſaied.iii.yeres, onely.vi.ſhillynges.viii.d. as Stipendaries dooe, and not otherwiſe. And that all Perſones, and Vicars, whoſe benefices be of the valuacion of.b.poundes or vnder, after the rate of theſaid perpetuall Tenthe, ſhall not be charged, nor chargeable with this Subſidie, or any part therof.

Prouided alwaies that this Subſidie graunted by the Clergie, ſhall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, houſe of ſtudentes, or College ſituate, or ſet within the Vniuerſities of Oxforde, and Cambrige, or of any Benefice, or other Reuenues vnto any houſe of ſtudentes, or College of Oxforde, or Cambrige vnited, appropried, or apperteinyng, or of the College of Eton nigh Windſore, or of the college of Wincheſter founded by William Wickam ſome time Biſhop of Wincheſter, or of any Hoſpitalles, or Grammar Scholes, or of any other Churche, or benefice, or of any other reuenues to theſaid houſes, Colleges, Hoſpitalles, or Grammar Scholes, or to any of the annexed, appropried, or otherwiſe apperteinyng.

Prouided alſo that euery prieſt, and all other perſones hauyng a Penſion by reaſon of the diſſolucion of the late Monaſteries, Colleges, Free Chapelles, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hoſpitalles, or any other Incorporacions within the Prouince of Cantorburie, or any of theim, and beyng of the ſumme of xl.ſ. or vnder, and not aboue, ſhall not be charged or chargeable to theſaid Subſidie, or any part therof, for any ſuche Penſion of.xl.ſ. or vnder, any thing cõteined in this graunt to the contrary notwithſtandyng. And for the ſure, and true paiment of this Subſidie graunted by theſaid Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorburie, accordyng to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this preſent Inſtrument. Theſaid prelates, and Clergie moſte humbly deſire, and require your highneſſe, that this their ſaied gift, graunt, and Subſidie, and euery matier, ſumme of money, clauſe, and ſentence in this Inſtrument conteined, concernyng theſaid Subſidie, maie be ratified, eſtabliſhed, and confirmed by auctoritie of your highneſſe court of Parlament.

And for the true, and ſure paiment of theſaid Subſidie graunted by theſaid Prelates, and Clergie of theſaid Prouince of Cantorburie, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of theſaied Inſtrument. Be it enacted by the kinges highneſſe, with the aſſent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Communes in this preſent Parlament aſſembled, and by thauctoritie of theſame, that theſaid gift, and graunt, and euery matire, ſumme of money, clauſe, and

ſentence

ſentence in theſaid Inſtrument conteined, be ratified, eſtabliſhed, and confirmed by thaucthoꝛitie aforeſaid: And ferthermoꝛe be it enacted by the aucthoꝛitie of this preſent Parlament, that euery perſone that ſhalbe appointed to the Collection, and gatherynge of theſaid Subſidie, ſhal haue full power, and aucthoꝛitie to leuie, take, and perceiue theſame Subſidie by aucthoꝛitie of the Cenſures of the Churche, oꝛ by diſtreſſe, vpon the poſſeſſion of the Fermours, and awners of the Landes, and Tenementes chargeable by this Acte, foꝛ, oꝛ to the paiment of any ſumme, oꝛ ſummes of money, oꝛ otherwiſe, by the diſcretion of the Collectours therof. And that no Repleuie, Pꝛohibition, oꝛ Supерſedeas ſhalbe allowed, oꝛ obeied foꝛ any perſone, oꝛ perſones, makynge default of paiment of theſaied Subſidie, contrary to the tenour of the graunt therof, vntill ſuche time as thei haue truely ſatiſfied, and contented all ſuche part, and poꝛcions, as to them in that behalfe apperteineth. And that euery ſuche Fermour, and Fermours that ſhall foꝛtune heraftꝛ to be charged, to, and with the paiment of theſaid Subſidie, oꝛ any part therof, ſhall by the aucthoꝛitie aforeſaied, bee allowed, and retein in his handes almuche of his yerely Ferme, and Rente, as the Summe, whiche he ſhall foꝛtune to paie foꝛ his Loꝛde, oꝛ Leſſour, ſhall extende, and amounte vnto, any wꝛitynge, couenaunt, bande, oꝛ other thing had, oꝛ made to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtandynge. And foꝛ the leuiynge of theſaid Subſidie of .vi. ſhillynges of the pounde, of, and foꝛ the yerely Penſions whiche any Pꝛieſt, oꝛ other perſone, oꝛ perſones whiche heretofoꝛe haue been Religious, oꝛ taken foꝛ Religious perſones, dooe, oꝛ ſhall receiue at the Courte of Thaugmentacions, and Reuenues, the Chauncellour of theſame Courte foꝛ the time beyng ſhall yerely durynge theſaied .iii. yeres, that is to ſaie, at the leaſt of ſaincte Michael Tharchaungell yerely durynge theſaied .iii. yeres, detein, and retein in his handes, oꝛ cauſe to be deteined, oꝛ reteined in the handes of other thofficers, and Miniſters of theſame Courte to the Kinges vſe foꝛ euery pounde of theſame Penſions twoo ſhillynges: and theſame ſhall well, and truely paie, oꝛ cauſe to be pared into theſaied Courte of the Tenthe, and firſt Fruictes, oꝛ elſwhere, as the Kinges highneſſe ſhall appoinct, beforꝛe the laſt date of Januarie, without any charge to be made, oꝛ ſuſteined in that behalfe.

And be it ferther enacted by aucthoꝛitie aforeſaied, that euery other perſone, and perſones whiche paie, oꝛ be chargeable to paie any yerely Rente, Penſion, oꝛ Penſions to any Pꝛieſte, oꝛ other perſone, oꝛ perſones whiche heretofoꝛe haue been Religious, oꝛ taken foꝛ Religious perſones chargeable to the paiement of theſaied Subſidie: That euery ſuche perſone, oꝛ perſones whiche dooe ſo paie, oꝛ hereafter ſhall paie any of theſaied yerely Rentes, Penſion, oꝛ Penſions, ſhall not onely, durynge theſaied three yeres, retein in his handes yerely

relie to the kinges vſe for euery pounde of theſame yerelie rentes,pẽ-
ſion,or penſions li.s. and theſame well, and truelie paie, or cauſe to
be paied yerelie,during theſame three yeres,vnto thordinarie of the
ſame Dioceſe,or to the Collectour of theſaied Subſidie there to the
kinges vſe, but alſo ſhall yerelie during theſame three yeres, before
the firſt daie of Decembre, certifie vnder his,or their ſeale,or ſeales
vnto theſaied Courte of firſt fruictes, and Tenthe, or els where it
ſhall pleaſe the kinges highneſſe to appoincte the names,and Sur-
names of al,and ſingular ſuche prieſtes, or other perſones religeous
or heretofore taken for religeous perſones, as is aforeſaied,and the
true yerelie rentes, or penſions,whiche thei,or any of them be enti-
tled to haue,or receiue yerelie,as is aforeſaied. And that the Chaun-
cellour for the time being of the kinges Courte of Augmentacions,
and reuenues of the Kinges Croune, ſhal likewiſe yerelie during
theſaied three yeres,before the firſt daie of Decembre certifie vnder
the ſeale of theſame Courte, not onely the names, and Surnames
of all,and ſingular Prieſtes,and other perſones chargeable for the-
ſaied ſeuerall rentes, and yerelie penſions to the paiement of theſa-
ied Subſidie into theſaied Courte of the Tenthe,and firſt fruictes
or els where it ſhal pleaſe the kinges Maieſtie to appoincte: but alſo
the true and iuſte yerelie ſumme, and ſummes of theſame yerelie
rentes, or penſions with the names, or Surnames of the perſones
chargeable to the paiemente therof. And that the Archebiſchoppe,
and Biſchoppe of euery Dioceſe within theſaied Prouince of Can-
torburie ſhall yerelie, during theſaied three yeres, before the firſt
daie of Februarie, or within.xxiiii. daies after at the fartheſt, cer-
tifie vnder his Seale in theſaied Courte of the Tenthe, and firſte
fruictes, or els where it ſhall pleaſe the King to appoincte the na-
mes, and Surnames of all and ſingular Stipendarie Prieſtes,
being within any of their Dioceſe chargeable to theſaied paiement
of theſaied Subſidie, as is aforeſaied, and alſo the names, and
Surnames of euery ſuche perſone, and perſones with whom he or
thei dooe dwell,and take any Stipende,or wages.

And bee it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that e-
uery ſuche perſone, and perſones whiche within theſaied three ye-
res ſhall geue, and paie any Stipende, or Wages to any ſuche
Prieſte, as is abouеſaied, ſhall for the inſufficiencie or defaulte of
euery of theſame Prieſte, or Prieſtes being in ſeruice, and Wages
with him at the firſte daie of Octobre, be charged, or chargeable,
to, and with the paiemente of Six ſhillinges eight pence for the-
ſame yere.

And be it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied,that theſa-
ied Archebiſchoppe,& biſchoppes,& other perſons chargeable,to,and
with

with the collection of thesaied Subsidie of.vi.s. the pounde, within thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie, shall haue vpon euery paiement therof made in the kinges Courte of the Tenthe, and first fruictes, or els where the kinges Maiestie shall appoincte, a sufficient acquitaūce in writing of suche persone, or persones as the kinges Maiestie shall appoinct for the receipte therof, thesame acquitaunce witnessing thesame receipte of asmuche of thesame summe of thesame Subsidie as shalbe by any of them so receiued: and euery suche acquitaunce in writing sealed, and subscribed with the name, or names of euery suche persone, or persones that so by the kinges appointement shall receiue any of thesaied summes of moneie, shall be as good, and effectuall in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if it were made by acte of Parlament: and that euery persone and persones whiche shall haue, and receiue any suche acquitaunce shall paie but onely.ii.d. for euery of thesame acquitaunces.

Be it also ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that all, and euery graunt, and grauntes of all, and euery summe, and summes of moneie, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the kinges highnesse by the Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shalbe of thesame strengthe, force, and effecte in all thinges, as thesaied graunt made by thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie, and shalbe tared, certified, collected, leuied, and gathered according to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this present acte of Parlament, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, in suche maner, as though it were speciallie, plainlie, and particularlie expressed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences in their seuerall natures, and kindes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by auctho̅itie aforesaied, that euery laie persone hauing any Spirituall promocion chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing Temporall possessions, gooddes, Cattalles, and debtes chargeable to this Subsidie graunted by the Temporaltie, shalbe charged, tared, and sette, for his saied Spirituall promocion with the Clergie, and for his Temporall possessions, Gooddes, and Cattalles with the Temporaltie, and not otherwise.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaied that al prouisos before rehearsed, conteined in thesaied graunt of the Prelates, and Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorburie, and the like, or thesame Prouisions hereafter to bee conteined in the graunt of the Prelates, and Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shall be good and effectual, and to be obserued, and kepte in euery pointe, and Article according to the true purporte, and meaning of thesame.

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AN ACTE FOR THE KINGES MAIESTIES MOSTE GRA-CIOVS GENERALL AND FREE PERDONE.

¶ The.xiiii. Chapitre.

THE kinges moste excellent Maieſtie conſideryng his high power to be geuen vnto him, frō almightie God to gouerne, and rule his people by diſtribucion of Judgement, and mercie, as cauſes dooe require, and remembryng this preſent time into how many penalties, and daungers of lawes ſondrie his louyng ſubiectes be fallen, out of the whiche, (although thei ſhewe themſelues many waies ſorie therefore) thei cannot be deliuered, if his maieſtie ſhall ſuffre the weight, and burden of Juſtice to remain vpon their ſhoulders: Is mercifully moued by almightie God (in whoſe handes the hartes of kinges be) of reaſonable pitie, and princelie boūtefulneſſe, hauyng on the one parte greate hope of an vniuerſall amendemente, (by Goddes grace) of ſoche as haue erred, and on the other part, a manifeſt declaracion in this Parlament, of the faithfull louyng hartes of his ſated ſubiectes to graunt, and geue without reſpecte of a greate encreaſe of treaſure, whiche might ariſe by execucion of the penall lawes, a generall, free, bountefull, and beneficiall perdone, as foloweth. That is to ſaie, that al, and euery of his ſated ſubiectes, aſwell ſpirituall, as temporall of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the Jſles of Jerneley, and Gerneley, Barwicke, and Calice, and the Marches of thelame, their heires, ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of thē, and euery of theim, and all, and ſingular bodies in any maner of wiſe corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithynges, and euery of theim, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of thē, ſhalbe by aucthoritie of this preſent Parlamente acquited, perdoned, releaſed, and diſcharged againſt the kinges highneſſe, his heires, ſucceſſours, executours, and euery of them, of all maner treaſons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, treſpaſſes, wronges, deceiptes, miſdemeanours, forfaictures, penalties, and profites, ſummes of money, peines of death, peines corporall, and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, cauſes, querelles, ſuites, iudgementes, and execucions in this preſent acte hereafter not excepted, and forpriſed, whiche maie be, or cā be by his highneſſe in any wiſe, or by any meane perdoned, before, & vnto the laſt daie of Februarie laſt paſt, and next before the Seſſion of this preſent Parlament, to ſuerty, or any of his ſated ſubiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Ridynges, Hūdredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithynges, or any of them. And alſo the kinges highneſſe is contented, that it be enacted by

aucthozitie of this pzesent Parlament, that this his saied free pardon shalbe as good, and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of his saied subiectes, bodies cozpozate, and other befoze rehearsed, and to euery of thē by thesaid generall woozdes befoze rehearsed, in, and against all thinges, whiche bee not herafter in this pzesente acte excepted, as thesame perdone should haue been, if all offences, contemptes, fozfaictures, causes, matiers, suites, querelles, iudgementes, execucions, penalties and al other thinges not herafter excepted, had been particularly, singularly, specially, and plainly named, rehearsed, and specified, and also perdoned by pzopze, and expzesse woozdes, and names in their kindes, natures, and qualities, by woozdes, and termes therunto requisite, to haue been put, and expzessed in this pzesent acte of free perdon. And that his saied subiectes noz any of thē, oz the heires, executours, and administratours of any of them, noz any of thesaied bodies cozpozate, and others befoze named, noz any of theim be, oz shalbe sued, vexed, oz inquieted in their bodies, gooddes, landes, oz cattalles foz any maner of matier, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, fozfaicture, trespasse, offence, oz any other thing suffred, dooen, oz cōmitted befoze the said first daie of Febzuarie against his highnesse, his croune, dignitie pzerogatiue, lawe, oz statutes. but onely foz soche matiers, causes, and offences, as be plainly rehearsed in the excepcions in this pzesent acte herafter mēcioned, and foz none other, any statute, oz statutes, lawes, customes, vses, oz pzesidēt heretofoze had, made, oz vsed to the contrarie in any wise notwithstāding. Also the kinges highnesse of his bounteouse liberalitie, by aucthozitie of this pzesent Parlamente graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of his saied subiectes, and to euery of thesaied bodies cozpozate, and other befoze rehearsed, and to euery of them, al soche fozfaictures, and summes of money by any of them fozfaicted, whiche to his highnesse dooe, oz should belong, oz appertein by reason of any offence, trespasse, contempt, misdemeanour, matier, cause oz querell suffred, dooen, oz committed by them, oz any of them, befoze thesaid first daie of Febzuarie, whiche be not herafter plainly fozpzised, oz excepted in this pzesent acte. And that all, and euery the kinges saied subiectes, and all and singular bodies cozpozate, and other befoze rehearsed maie by him, oz themselues, oz his, oz their deputie, oz deputies oz by his, oz their attourney, oz attourneis, accozdyng to the lawes of this realme, plead, and minister this pzesent acte of free pardone foz his, oz their discharge, and foz euery thyng that is by vertue of this pzesent Acte perdoned, discharged, geuen, oz graunted without any fee, oz other thing in any wise paying to any persone, oz persones foz writyng, oz entrie of the Iudgement, oz other cause concernyng soche plee, writyng, oz entrie, but onely .vi.d. to bee paied to the officer, oz clerke that shall entre the plee, matier, oz iudgement foz the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute, oz vse to the contrarie

trarie notwithstandyng.

And ferthermoze the kinges highnesse is contented, and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctho̅itie of this p̄sent parlamente, that this his saied free perdone, by the generall woozdes before rehearsed, shalbee reputed, demed, and adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of Courtes of his, and elswhere in all, and singular clauses, woordes, and sentences mencioned, and rehearsed in this said free perdone moste beneficially, and auaylably to al and singular his saied subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and moste strongly in barre, and discharge against his highnesse, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thing without any obstacle, ambiguitie, chalenge, or other delate whatsoeuer it shalbe to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleged by the king our Soueren Lorde, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his, or any of their generall attourney, or attournies, or by any persone, or persones for his highnesse, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

And ferthermore it is enacted by thauthoritie of this p̄sent parlament that if any officer, or clerke of any of his highnesse courtes, co̅monly called the kinges Benche, Chaunceric, and Common place, or of his Exchequier, or any other Officer, or Clerke of any other of his highnesse courtes within this realme, at any time after the fiftene daie of Aprill, nexte comyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande, fiue hundred, fortie and three make out, or write out any maner writtes, or other p̄cedelle, or any extreates, summo̅s, or other p̄ceptes whereby any of the said subiectes, or any of the saied bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them shalbe in anywise arrested, attached, distreigned, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greued in his, or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattalles, or in any of them, for, or because of any maner of thing perdoned, or discharged by vertue of this acte of free perdone, then he so offendyng, and therof lawfully condemned shall yelde, and pate for recompense therof to the partie so greued, or offended, treble damages, accumptyng, as parcelles of the same damages, all costes of the suite, and neuertheles all, and singular soche writtes, p̄cedelle, extreates, and p̄ceptes so to be made for, or vpon any maner thing perdoned, or discharged by this p̄sent Acte of free perdone shalbe vterly voide, & of none effect. Except, and al wates forepaised out of this generall, and free perdone all, and all maner of high Treasones committed, or dooen by any persone, or persones by any ouert deede, or acte against the kinges moste royall persone, and all insurrections rebellions, conspiracies, and confederacies traiterously had, committed, or dooen by any persone, or persones against the kinges persone. And also excepted all, and al maner of treasons, committed, or dooen by any persone, or persones in the parties beyonde the sea, or in any

other place out of the Kinges Dominions, and all suites, ponishementes, execucions, peines of death, forfaictures, and penalties for, or by reason, or occasion of any of the Treasons, or offences before excepted. Also except, and foreprised out of this free perdone all, and all maner of forgyng, counterfeictyng, wasshyng, and clippyng of whatsoeuer money, or coigne curraunt in this realme, and all, and all maner of offences, impeticions, ponishementes, forfaictures, peines of death, Judgementes, and execucions for thesame. And also excepted, and forprised out of this generall and free perdone all, and euery piracie, and Piracies, dooen vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntarie murders, and all, and euery burglarie in any dwellyng house, and all, and euery robberie dooen in any Churche, or Churches, and all, and euery robberie dooen in any dwellyng house, or houses in the daie time, and all robberies dooen vpon, or to any mannes persone, and al rapes, and carnall rauishementes of women, all wilfull escapes aswell of Traitours, and Fellons, as of Clerkes atteincted. And also excepted, and foreprised all, and singular accessaries of, in, or to thesaied offences before excepted, and to euery of theim, or any of theim. And also excepted out of this generall, and free perdone all atteindours, and outlawries for any Treason, Murder, Robberie, or Burglarie. And also excepted all, and euery maner of takyng frō the king of any gooddes, Issues, Rentes, Reuenues, or profites of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes of any Traitour, Murderer, Fellon, Clerke, or Clerkes beeyng persones atteincted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of theim. And also excepted all maner of intrusions, and vnlawfull entrees had, made, or dooen in, or vpon any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of our Souerein lorde the king, and the takyng of any the issues, and profites of thesame, and also all suites, and impeticions for thesame. And excepted also all wastes committed, or dooen in any of the kinges Wardes landes, or in the Wardes landes of any of the kinges committies, and all forfaictures of mariage, of all, and euery the Kinges Wardes. And also all, and euery concelement of any Custome, or Subsidie, and all, and singular accoumptes of all, and euery Collectour, and Collectours of any Subsidie, or Fiftene, Beneuolence, or Contribucion, and of euery other persone whatsoeuer that ought to be accoumptaunt to the King, or to his moste noble father king Henrie theight, and the heires, executours, and administratours of euery soche accoumptaunt, and all arrerages of accoumptes, and all impeticions, and suites for thesame. Also except all enclosures, and decaies of houses of housebandrie, made, dooen, committed, or permitted, contrarie to the fourme, and effecte of any Statute, or Statutes heretofore made.

Prouided alwaies that all issues, profites, amerciamentes, fines,

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and other penalties, whiche were due to the king, before the firſt date of Februarie nexte before this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, by reaſon of any ſoche encloſure, or decate as is aforeſaied, ſhalbe fully perdoned by this acte. And alſo except out of this generalty and free perdone all maner of vnlawfull claimes, vſurpacions, vſer, abuſer, or not vſer of any liberties, fraunchiſes, priuileges, or iuriſdictions, wherof or for the whiche any writte or ſuite of [illegible], or information is now depending in any of the Kinges Courtes: And except, and forepriſed out of this free perdone all iſſues, fines, and amerciamentes aſſered, tared, ſette, extracted, or entred ſeuerally, or particularly, touchyng, & concernyng any one perſone, or mo perſones ioyntly, extendyng to the ſumme of xx. pounde, or aboue. And alſo all, and ſingular other fines, aſwell fines pro licentia concordandi, as other ſet, or tared, and all other iſſues, and amerciamentes, aſwell reall, as other, whiche ſeuerally, or particularly extende not to the ſumme of tenne poundes, whether thei be totted, or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shirief or not taken to his charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether thei be tourned into debte, or not into debte, and not beyng leuied, nor receiued by any Shirief, or Shirifes, Bailief, Miniſters, or other Officers, ſhalbee fully, clearely, and plainly perdoned, and diſcharged againſt the king our Souerein Lorde, his heires, and ſucceſſours for euer by this preſent Acte of free perdone. And alſo excepted, and forepriſed out of this free perdone all, and all maner of deceiptes, and offences of all, and ſingular Wonters, and other Officers, Winters, or woorke menne, of, or in any of the kinges Wintes within this Realme, or any other his Dominions, and all impetictions, and poniſhementes for theſame. And alſo excepted, and forepriſed out of this generall, and free perdone all cauſhementes, and witholdynges of the kinges Wardes, and Wardes landes at any time comen, or growen to the kinges handes, and not yet diſcharged. And alſo excepted all Titles, and Accions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Reliefe, and Reliefes, Rentes, Seruices, Rente charges, Rente Seek, and the arrerages of theſame not doone, or paied to the king.

And alſo excepted all debtes whiche were, or be due to our Souerein Lorde the king, or to the moſte noble king of famouſe memorie king Henrie the ſeuenth, or to king Henrie theight, or to any perſone or perſones to his, or their vſe, by any condemnacion, Recognizaunce, Obligacion, or otherwiſe, other then ſoche as are due vpon any Obligacion, or Recognizaunce forfaicted before theſaied firſt date of Februarie for non apparaunce, or for not keepyng of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour. And alſo excepted, and forepriſed out of this perdone all, and ſingular thoſe forfaictures beyng due to our Souerein lorde the king by any penaltie, ſtatute, or ſtatutes, whiche be con-

uerted into the nature of debte by Judgement, or by the agremente of the offendour, or offendours, or wherof there is any beredict paſt for the king. And alſo excepted all forfaictures, and other penalties, and profites growen, or due to the king by reaſon of any offence, contempt, or other acte had, ſuffred, committed, or dooen contrarie to any ſtatute, or ſtatutes, or contrarie to the commune lawe, wherof any informacion is geuen in the kinges Exchequier, or into the kinges Benche, or wherof the kinges highneſſe by his bill ſigned, or otherwiſe heretofore hath made any gifte, or aſſignement to any perſone, or perſones. And alſo excepte, and forpriſed out of this generall, and free perdone all ſoche perſones, as the laſt daie of this preſente Monethe of Marche were, or ſhalbe in priſone within the Tower of London, or in the Flete, the kinges Benche, or the Marſhalſey and all perſones put to execucion before thelaſt daie of Marche. And alſo excepted out of this generall, and free perdone all, and euery perſone, and perſones in any wiſe, before the twentie daie of Marche, in the yere of our Lorde God a thouſande fiue hundred, fiftie and two, committed to priſone to the Porters warde, by the commaundement of any the kinges Counſaill in the Marches of Wales, for any Felonie, Robberie, or murder at any time committed, or dooen before the ſaid twentieth daie of Marche. And alſo excepted out of this generall and free perdone all, and euery ſoche perſone, and perſones whiche haue heretofore fledde out of this Realme of Englande, or any other the kinges dominions, for any offence of high Treaſon, petite Treaſon, or miſpriſion of Treaſon. And alſo except out of this perdone al, and euery offence, and offences touchyng, or concernyng the tarriage, ſendyng, or conueighyng ouer the Seas of any Golde, Siluer, Jewelles, or any coigne of Golde, or Siluer contrarie to the Lawes, or Statutes of this Realme onleſſe it were, or be by the kinges licence.

Prouided alwaie, and bee it enacted by the auctheritie of this preſent Parliament that al, and euery perſone, and perſones whiche haue tended, or ought to ſue Liuerie out of our ſaied Souerein Lorde the kinges handes, of, or for any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes whatſoeuer thei be, ſhall ſue his, or their liuerie, and liueries out of our ſaied Souerein Lorde the kinges handes, of his, or their Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes in like maner, and fourme as thei, and euery of theim ſhould, or ought to haue dooen, if this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any article, acte, or actes, thing, or thinges in this preſent acte of generall, and free perdone compriſed, and ſpecified to the contrarie notwithſtandyng.

And bee it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaied that in caſe it bee obiected to, or againſt any Shirief, or Shiriefes, or other accoumptauntes, in the kinges Courte of Exchequier, or in any other his courtes, that any Shirief or Shiriefes, other then Officers accoumptaunt

accoumptaũt haue receiued, or taken any soche fines, issues, or amerciamentes by this present acte perdoned, and acquited, that then euery soche Shirief, & Shirifes and other accoumptauntes shalbe discharged, released, perdoned, and acquited therof by his, or their othe without any ferther triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaie that this presẽt acte of free perdon, nor any thing therin conteined, in any wise extende to discharge, remit, or acquite any persone, or persones for any soche issues, fines, or amerciamentes, as any Shirief heretofore haue accoumpted for, before the Barones of the kinges Exchequier, or elswhere, and paied thesame issues, fines, and amerciamẽtes vpon his, or their saied accoumpt determined to the kinges vse, and hath his, or their quietus est for thesame.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lefull to al, and euery clerke, and other officer, of any the kinges Courtes to awarde, and make writtes of *Capias vtlegatum*, at the suite of the partie plaintief against soche persones outlawed, as bee perdoned by this Acte, to thintent to compell the defendaunt, and defẽdauntes to make aunswere to the plaintief, or plaintiues, at whose suite he, or thei were outlawed. And that euery persone so outlawed, shal sue a writ of *Scire facias* against the partie, or parties, at whose suite he, or thei were so outlawed before this perdone in that behalfe shalbe allowed to him that so is outlawed.

Prouided alwaie that this acte of generall, and free perdone, or any thing therin conteined shall not extende to Cardinall Poole, Jeffrey Poole, doctour Hilliard, Michael Throkmerton, Richard Pate, Goldwell, Jhon Clement doctour of Phisick, Jhon Storie doctour of the lawe, William Rastall, Anthonie Bonuice, Balthaser Gnarsey Surgeon, Benedict Bonuice, Germain Seo, ne to Edward Craiforde, alias Crafforthe, Thomas Craifforde alias Craifforth, Thomas Finche, Thomas Rainoldes of Whitstable in the Countie of Kent yeoman, ne to William Bedell, ne to Thomas Rainoldes, nor to any of them, for any kinde of treason, nor for any fellonie, robberie, wilfull murder, or burglarie by theim, or any of theim committed, or dooen before thesaid. xx. daie of Marche, in the yere of our lorde God, a M. D. lii, ne to discharge, or acquite any persone, or persons, whiche haue procured, aided, assisted, or counsailled thẽ, or any of thẽ to breake any prisone, or to go, or flie ouer the sea without the kinges licence, any thing in this acte of free perdone to the contrarie in any wise notwithstandyng.

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